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£500k boost to the local economy as top golf event swings by!

THE leading UK non-professional golf event – the Amateur Championship – comes to Porthcawl next week, with organisers emphasising the local economic boost that can be expected.

by PHILIP IRWIN

The 121st Amateur Championship gets under way from June 13 to June 18 at the Royal Porthcawl and Pyle & Kenfig golf clubs, and is set to bring a £500,000 cash boost, and raise the profile of Porthcawl, as the event will be broadcast on Sky TV, and other outlets.

The event is in two stages, with a 36-hole qualifying strokeplay over the first two days (June 13-14). Each entrant will play one round at the Royal, and one at P & K.

The 64 lowest scores will then go on to play matchplay knockout over 18 holes at the Royal Porthcawl, culminating with a 36-hole final on Saturday, June 18.

An independent event impact study, commissioned by championship organiser The R&A, from Sheffield Hallam University's Sport Industry Research Centre calculates that 3,500 commercial bed nights are required to accommodate the 288 competitors from 34 countries taking part.

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BOBBIES VOLUNTEER AT Y BONT



The hardworking team!

INSTEAD of slapping on the cuffs, officers from South Wales Police were slapping on paint at Y Bont in Bridgend recently.

Staff from South Wales Police (SWP) Central Division, Vale of Glamorgan Boxing Section and the SWP Young Volunteers redecorated the playroom at Y Bont as a surprise for the children.

Y Bont, a family centre providing services to support disabled children and their families in Bridgend county and beyond, needed the playroom to be a more relaxing space: less vibrant, less stimulating and more calming.

The team from SWP, led by Detective Constable Gareth Owens, accepted the challenge of redecorating the room over the course of a weekend to give the children a huge surprise when they returned on the following Monday morning.

Bridgend Decorating Supplies donated some of the paint and the rest was sourced from B&Q and nearly 15 police officers, police boxers and young police volunteers arrived armed with rollers and paint brushes, determined to help.

Even the divisional commander for Central Division, Stuart Parfitt, gave up his Saturday to join in the mammoth task.

DC Owens, who led the team of decorators, said: "I was very conscious that Y Bont, as a small local charity, would be very grateful for our support.



The finished playroom.

"The staff there, along with the children who attend the facility, are unique and deserving of any help we can give."

Divisional Commander Stuart Parfitt, said: "I am pleased and very proud of those from South Wales Police who gave up their own time to help Y Bont, which provides an invaluable service to many families throughout Bridgend.

"This is one of a number of ways we have been able to help the centre, having also recently donated cash raised through the sale of snacks to staff in the police station. I am sure we will continue to support Y Bont in any way that we can."

Marged Griffiths, chief executive officer of Y Bont, added: "We are so grateful to everyone involved for helping, not only to keep this decorative project as a surprise for the children at Y Bont, but also for creating such a beautiful playroom.

"This room will no longer have the effect of being over-stimulating, so will assist the children's learning through play and help all of them to fulfil their full potential."

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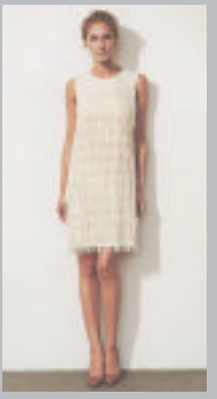
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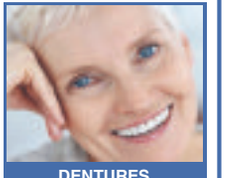
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'Give roller dance skaters a chance'

IT has come to my notice that the Vale Council is having its grant from the Welsh Assembly cut once again (as in previous years) to help councils like Cardiff City, Bridgend, and Rhondda Cynon Taff.

Rhondda Cynon Taff Council is giving all swimmers at their new lido free use of this facility for the summer season.

Our council tax is to increase again by more than the rate of inflation and it seems that the Vale Council is poorer than the other councils around us, as it is not able to renew the floor at Barry Leisure Centre, which has not been fit for roller dance skating for four – five years.

Four years ago Mrs S Davies, head coach of Glamorgan artistic roller skating club, was told roller skating was banned as it had damaged the floor.

Mrs S Davies is qualified to teach up to gold medal standard, the only person in the UK with this qualification.

She is assisted by five coaches and many parents to run this very successful club with 80 members.

At present they train at Colcot sports hall on Tuesday (6pm – 8pm) and Sunday morning (10am – 12pm) but the floor is too small for the members to express their undoubted talents.

The skaters need a floor space the size of Barry Leisure centre to compete with other clubs all over the country. Surely some money can be found for these kids to express their talent?

I think that Mrs Davies and her team have been very patient and need to be given a chance to use this facility and develop the club.

Cyril Roberts, Penarth.

World War Two play has a local debut

A NEW play will have its first performance at Carnegie House, Bridgend's newest art venue on Friday, June 10.

Four Brothers, by local writer Carmen Medway-Stephens, is about her grandfather's experience as an RAF Lancaster navigator in Bomber Command and is based on his wartime memoirs.

Carmen is artist-in-residence at Carnegie House, Bridgend (the former library) and she had success with her play *Bara Bread* last year.

The work will be read by professional actors.

Carmen said: "I always thought I would have time to speak to my grandfather about his life, but sadly, time ran out. I have now been able to read my grandfather's memoirs and it has inspired me to write this play about his life in World War Two."

Entry to the play is free and the performance starts at 7pm at Carnegie House, Wyndham Street, Bridgend. Call 01656 815717 for more information.

BAVO to hold a funding surgery

BAVO is to hold a Heritage Lottery Funding (HLF) surgery.

Julie Hughes, development officer at HLF, will be at BAVO's office in Maesteg on Monday, July 18.

A spokesperson for BAVO said: "Bridgend is a priority development area for the HLF. This means that we are keen to receive more grant applications from the area and help create opportunities for new heritage projects."

Appointments should be booked by contacting the HLF team on 02920 343413 or Wales@hlf.org.uk by Friday, July 8.

Interested parties must register on the HLF website at www.hlf.org.uk and complete a project enquiry form before a meeting can be confirmed.

Readers' Letters

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'Canned herrings, nuts and other EU myths'

I READ with amusement the letter last week from Barrie V Evans regarding the EU, nuts, and canned herrings; one thing you can never accuse Brexiteers of is letting the facts ruin a good story!

Although his euromyth can be rebuffed by fact, he inadvertently highlights a major benefit of the EU and that is pan-continent protection of its citizens through consumer law.

Each year in the UK, 10 people die and thousands are hospitalised through anaphylactic shock caused by the ingestion of allergens.

For sufferers (and it is predominantly children who are affected) full and detailed knowledge of what they are intending to eat is not just of passing interest but literally a matter of life or death.

Mr Evans' statement that all nut packaging must contain a statement 'contains nuts' is, of course, untrue – check for yourself!

The regulation is clear. If you are simply selling the nuts themselves, it is enough to say what the product is – ie 'almonds', 'brazil nuts' or whatever.

If the goods are not prepacked, the seller is required to inform the purchaser, usually by notification on a loose package, what he has purchased. Not unreasonable, you may think.

The issue regarding the canned herrings is, well, a red herring really.

The low cost supermarket in question was not forced to remove the cans because they did not include the words 'contains fish' but because they did not list any ingredients, some of which were allergens, in English – so customers were unable to check ingredients. "Why worry, anyway?" you say. "Surely the only content is the fish itself?"

Not so! Check any such can and you will see it contains, amongst other things, preservatives, additives, and colourings, some of which may be allergens.

Also, if you are required to list all ingredients, it would seem stupid not to include the main content of the can.

You would be pretty surprised if you picked up a tin of pilchards and on checking the ingredients were informed there was apparently no fish inside.

Trust me – somebody would sue!

Of course, euromyths have been peddled around by the anti-EU brigade since the union's inception. Usually generated by tabloid newspapers, they are accepted as fact by the gullible and perpetuated as such.

There have been many of course. We were all going to have to drive on the right hand side of the road (maybe not such a bad idea when most under 25s and over 75s seem to do so, anyway!).

We also had the falsehoods about straight bananas, fish having to be described in their Latin name, the banning of firemen's poles, Bombay mix having to be renamed Mumbai mix and (I jest not) barmaids being required to cover up their cleavage!

Such was the concern over this last misinformation that a well-known help charity noted a 50 per cent increase in phone calls from middle aged men with anxiety problems. It even promoted a national newspaper campaign, "Save Our Jugs".

So ladies and gentlemen, vote as you will on June 23rd, but please, not on the basis of factually inaccurate stories about nuts, herrings, and bananas!

Christopher Goacher, St Athan.

'Labour lucky to get support'

LABOUR had 13 years in charge of the UK Parliament and has had 17 years in control in Wales – with more years ahead.

They blame everyone but themselves for nearly destroying the UK financially, and could not see the disaster that was coming with regard to the Welsh steel industry.

Luckily for them, they managed to get the only Liberal Democrat to support them.

Barry Hoey, Bridgend.

Refugees and the referendum

IT was so useful to see it pointed out in your letters column by CN Westerman last week, that the appalling tragedy of the refugees from Syria and Libya etc is nothing at all to do with the EU referendum.

But it was even more depressing to see that so much Brexit support depends on this confusion.

The refugee crisis will not be helped or hindered in any way by the UK voting to remain or leave the EU – though I have seen the two deliberately conflated in a London newspaper supporting the Leave campaign.

The achievements of Europe are on a far less spectacular scale; vital to the lives of so many people in Wales, yes, but not nearly so headline grabbing.

The European Union plays a crucial role in meeting the 21st century challenges of climate change, global corporation tax evasion, and tackling terrorism and cyber-crime. It has brought investment, jobs, worker protection and consumer rights.

More specifically, it has given us paid holidays, equal rights for part-time and temporary workers and guaranteed rights for hundreds of thousands of women every year to take maternity leave – the very rights Leave supporters have said they want to water down.

Now Paralympic icon Baroness Grey-Thompson has warned that leaving the European Union would prevent British people with disabilities benefiting from plans to boost accessibility.

The greatest sadness would be if so many of the very people who, in practice, benefit from the European Union should vote to leave because of this – sometimes deliberate – conflation of the EU with the worldwide refugee problem.

I'm glad The GEM has been able to play a part in helping to dispel this dangerously misleading – and potentially tragic – confusion.

Dr Jean Silvan Evans, Peterston-super-Ely.

Silence over court closure

AS from July 1, the Law Court in Bridgend will be closed. All cases will be dealt with in Cardiff, meaning police, solicitors and witnesses will have additional travel costs, more hours spent travelling, and waiting times in court.

Court hearing times will list 10 cases for, say, 10am – meaning 'first come, first served' instead of at the moment when a solicitor has a case for 10am he can (in many cases) walk from his office to the court.

The same for police and witnesses. Now people from the Valleys will have to take two trains, or a bus and train. Costs for these people will shoot up, but who is going to pay?

During the local elections, how many candidates spoke up about this? What did the Welsh Assembly do about it?

Barry Hoey, Bridgend.

Unity, and a matter of belief

BRITISH adults should have no problem in deciding about the EU. Citizens who believe that nations should cooperate in order to create a more secure world, should vote to remain, while those citizens who do not possess that belief, and much prefer to be more isolated from other countries, without any intention to find shared values to live by, should vote 'Leave'.

Britain is in a unique position, with a permanent seat at the UN, a 'special relationship' with the USA, the head of a worldwide Commonwealth, and a decisive member of the EU.

It can act as a link, binding all these nations closer together, to foster civilized, peaceful and prosperous values across the planet.

We could walk away from that, if we choose.

There are many world problems which can only be solved by international cooperation, such as climate change, pollution, money laundering, drug, gun and people trafficking, tax evasion by huge corporations with more money than many countries.

Other global problems, such as war and refugees, can only be fixed by united action by large blocs halting the flow of arms to end the war, so that refugees can flow back to rebuild their country.

'Leave' supporters are concerned about such matters, but not sufficiently to take effective action.

Boris prefers to be a very large fish in a very small pond. Perhaps it is a matter of ego. You only have to decide what you already believe.

Neville Westerman, Brynna.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 16)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
09 Thur	10.17	9.5	22.36	9.3
10 Fri	10.59	9.0	23.21	8.9
11 Sat	11.47	8.5		
12 Sun	00.09	8.4	12.38	8.1
13 Mon	01.03	8.0	13.39	7.8
14 Tues	02.07	7.8	14.49	8.0
15 Wed	03.15	7.9	15.53	8.0
16 Thur	04.17	8.0	16.48	8.2

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The competitors.

First place to Ryan in angling competition!

THIRTEEN youngsters took part in Ogmore Angling Association (OAA) junior fishing competition held at the Dipping Bridge on the River Ogmore, last Sunday, June 5.

A total of 27 fish were caught ,including two eels and a stickleback.

The overall winner of the competition was Ryan Morgan, who caught five fish with an overall length of 57".

He was closely followed by Dylan Washbourne who also caught five fish, but with a total length of 56". In third place was Jordon Thomas who caught five fish with a total length of 46".

The club shield for overall champion went to Ryan Morgan, who also received one year's OAA Junior subscription.

The Cup for Longest Fish went to Sophie Vickers who caught an 18" eel.

A massive thank you to all our kind sponsors who donated the wonderful prizes, one of which went to all youngsters who took part. All the youngsters and senior club members present enjoyed a barbeque following the event on the riverbank.



Overall winner Ryan Morgan is presented with shield by Ian Finylas, club chairman. Photos by Gareth Thomas.

Well done to all the youngsters who took part and a big thank you to committee and senior members who assisted on the day.

DEREK MARSHALL

Special reason why Stuart is celebrating Volunteers' Week

ONE of those marking Volunteers' Week (June 1 – 12) is Stuart John, formerly a rough sleeper in Bridgend, who now works for The Wallich in Cardiff.

Stuart accessed the Residents' and Service Users' Volunteer Programme (RSVP), a supported volunteering programme specifically designed for The Wallich residents and service users.

RSVP started in 2011 and has supported over 600 volunteers across all of Wales giving in excess of 25,000 hours.

Activities include gardening, maintenance, peer mentoring and befriending, running and taking part in workshops and learning media and public affairs skills to create marketing materials and web blogs.

Stuart volunteered for many projects and then gained experience of working with people from a wide variety of backgrounds and complex needs, such as prison leavers, people with substance misuse issues and families experiencing housing difficulties.



ABOVE: Stuart John, working as a receptionist at The Wallich.

With the knowledge, confidence and skills he has gained, he is providing job coaching and work shadowing to other people on the RSVP and WISE (Working in Sustainable Employment) programmes.

Stuart said: "Volunteering is very rewarding as you not only gain valuable skills but it keeps you in a positive routine and helps you to gain confidence.

"After being an external volunteer for about six months, I realised my passion for working with clients and how much I wanted to work for The Wallich – I like how they work and support people."

Sian David, involvement and quality coordinator for The Wallich, said: "We value each and every one of our RSVP volunteers for their contribution to our charity.

"We are passionate about people and believe that everybody has a gift to offer society, regardless of their background.

"Being homeless should not be a barrier to achieving goals or aspirations and volunteering through RSVP offers our clients the chance to share their incredible talents and experience with others."

Bridgend Male Choir's new maestro takes up the baton!

BRIDGEND Male Choir (BMC) has a proud history of performing under the baton of distinguished and talented musicians, and its new musical director, Ryan Wood, promises a continuation of that fine tradition.

He will take up his duties from June 9, following the recent resignation of former MD, Rhiannon Williams-Hale.

Patrons and devotees of BMC may be familiar with Ryan as he has often performed in place of resident accompanist, Stephanie Bailey, when she has been otherwise engaged.

However, his impressive background may not be so familiar to Bridgend audiences.

Having learned piano and cello as a schoolboy, he began his choral development as assistant accompanist with Maesteg Children's Choir at the age of 13, a notable achievement in itself.

Most recently, he was deputy musical director of Cowbridge Male Voice Choir as well as accompanist to Maesteg Children's Choir and, since 1999, with Côr Meibion Maesteg a'r Cylch.

However, his pedigree extends across south Wales, where he has accompanied choirs and soloists including Only Men Aloud and Grammy Award-winning soprano Rebecca Evans.

He has also worked with singers, conductors and directors from all over the UK and Europe while performing as accompanist at the International Opera summer school at Porthcawl in 2010, organised by the internationally renowned soprano, Patricia O'Neill.

Ryan has a keen interest in opera and was instrumental in the formation of a quartet of female singers, Viva to the Diva, for whom he has been concert accompanist, helping to raise thousands of pounds for charity.

In this respect, apart from any other, he therefore fits well into the charitable ethos of BMC.

Perhaps most significantly, Ryan's interest in conducting has burgeoned alongside his piano skills.

He is proud of having formed his own Maesteg mixed choir, Noteworthy, and was previously musical director of both Spotlight Theatre Company and Cowbridge Amateur Operatic Society.

His talents as a conductor were recognised in 2010, when he was invited to conduct a performance of Handel's *'Hallelujah Chorus'* for a live broadcast on BBC Radio Wales.

As he takes up the baton as MD of BMC, Ryan is confident that this is the challenge for which his musical development has clearly prepared him.

The choir president, chairman, committee and choristers share his enthusiasm for this new stage in their prestigious history, and welcome him warmly as leader of their music team.

PETER K MORGAN

Pyle & Porthcawl Photographic Society presents annual awards



Calm before the Storm by Geoff Baker.

PYLE & Porthcawl Photographic Society held their annual Clyne Jones Trophy Competition on June 2 at the Glamorgan Holiday Hotel in Porthcawl.

The competition, which was the last of the season, was for digital images only, and members could enter three images. The winner was the person with the highest aggregate for their two best scoring images.

Rob Mitchell skilfully judged the competition, and not only awarded the points, but also provided an excellent critique on each image.

The winner was Geoffrey Baker for 'Calm before the Storm' and 'Feeding Time', which both scored maximum points giving him a total of 40 points. Second place was awarded to Glyn Edmunds for 'A Stare from Jane' and 'Circle of Life' with a total of 39 points. Third place with 38 points was shared between David Jones for 'Upstairs Downstairs' and 'Seat of Learning', and Richard Craze for 'I'm almost fully grown' and 'Fern'.

Congratulations to Geoffrey for winning the competition and a big thank you to all who participated for making it such an interesting and entertaining evening.

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ON Friday, June 17 starting at 7pm, a concert at Bryncethin memorial hall will be held to raise funds for the Bridgend Samaritans charity.

Felicity Watkins will be compere and the evening performers include Rob Batchelor, Jacob Lewis and the Garw Valley Ladies' Choir.

All money raised will go to the charity. Tickets are £2 each, and can be obtained from Felicity or Hazel on 01656 720808/722825 or Sarn library.

TONDU and District Art Society is holding its summer exhibition at the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig from Saturday, June 11 to Tuesday, June 14 from 10am – 6pm daily and from 11am – 4pm on Sunday.

Approximately 150 paintings are expected to be on display and there is also a competition between members, called 'Flora and Fauna'. Entry is free and drinks and refreshments will be available.

THE 54th Maesteg Hospital fete will take place in Maesteg market square on Saturday, June 18 from 9.30am to 4pm.

There will be something for all the family to enjoy, including lots of interesting stalls for mum, a cider tent for dad, and games galore for the children. From 12 noon 'Daley Bee' will be on stage with his unique blend of fun, games, magic show and prizes.

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

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The Contagious dance crew will be performing from around 2.30pm. Welsh cakes, burgers, wraps and lots more will be available.

ON Friday, June 17, the Maesteg Children's Choir will be performing its 30th annual concert at Maesteg Town Hall. This celebration concert is part of the Maesteg Festival and tickets are now on sale at £7 each.

The concert starts at 7pm when both past and present members will perform to celebrate 30 years of making music.

During the evening, they will perform a number of musical medleys including from *Wicked* and *The Sound of Music*. Its accompanist for the evening is Ryan Wood and the compere is Tony Mullins.

Communities First Bridgend is running three courses in June. These are in manual handling, health and safety and cake decorating.

Advance booking is required. Please call Jess on 01656 643634 or 07974 399194.

THE Bridgend branch of the **Glamorgan Family History Society** has a change of venue and its next meeting will be on Monday, June 20 at the Ty'r Ardd local and family history centre, Sunnyside, Bridgend. It begins at 7pm and the speaker is John Dunkley-Williams.

PUPILS and staff at Tynyrheol primary school, Llangeinor would like to thank all the parents, grandparents, friends and community members who volunteered recently. Your hard work and efforts have been absolutely amazing!

The school grounds really have been transformed, the weeds and the ivy have gone, the trees have been cut back, the Five-a-Day garden and 'the hide-out' have been tidied.

Benches and tables have been painted and the mural outside the school has also had a make-over. What a difference all your hard work has made.

Cefn Cribwr Primary School is hoping to provide a special play area for children with special needs. To help achieve its aims, top local band The Story Goes will be performing favourite covers live at a fundraising evening at Cefn Athletic club on Friday, June 17 at 7pm.

Tickets are £5 each and will be available from the school. Every penny raised will go towards the new sensory play area. Contact Steve White or Jonny Briggs at the school for tickets or more information.

SOME of the best gardens in Cefn Cribwr will once again be open to the public on Sunday, June 19 from 11am to 5pm as part of the National Gardens Scheme.

The diverse gardens include an exposed mature garden, a recycled garden, a garden that has its own composting system, a children's area, a rustic garden, a water garden and an artist's garden. Just about something for everyone! Organised by Cefn Gardening Club you start your journey at the community centre (the Green Hall) where you can buy your ticket for admission to the gardens, have a cuppa and and browse the stalls.

Every year the club holds a competition, and this year it is for the best scarecrow. Please bring your home-made scarecrow to the allotments behind the community centre on Sunday, June 12 between 2.pm and 4.pm.

The scarecrows will then be displayed and judged at the open day.

All funds raised are donated to charities including Macmillan Cancer Support and Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Tickets are £4 for adults and give admission to all gardens, while admission for children is free.

For more information telephone Veronica or Tracy on 01656 741746 or 743410.

AS part of Kenfig Hill and Pyle Festival week, St Theodore's Church is hosting a concert featuring the Railroad Bill Skiffle group.

The concert takes place on Thursday, June 16 at 7pm, and tickets are £8 from Theo's charity shop, Bridge Street, Kenfig Hill. Telephone 01656 665547 or 741354.

Hailing from Cardiff, the group is one of Britain's best loved and longest-running touring skiffle group. The concert is organised as part of the Arts Council of Wales' 'Night Out' scheme with the support of Anwen Cultural Trust.

Porthcawl golf event will boost economy

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In addition to the cash injection, direct into the local economy, golf tourism locally will benefit from four days of television highlights broadcast on Sky Sports in the UK and Ireland and via local satellite service providers in other territories.

The R&A's executive director – championships, Johnnie Cole-Hamilton, said: "The Amateur Championship receives a warm welcome wherever it is staged and we are delighted that it also makes a significant contribution to golf tourism locally.

"The majority of the field will be facing the test of these fine Welsh links courses for the first time and it is a great opportunity for spectators to see the top flight in the amateur game in action".

The Bridgend County Borough Council Leader, Coun Mel Nott, said: "We hope the best amateur golfers in the world will enjoy testing themselves on two of the county borough's great courses.

"Golf tourism is important to the area and I am sure our local businesses will welcome an early summer boost to trade."

Tickets for the Amateur Championship are free, and free parking will also be available at both courses, too.

However, there will be a charge for parking at the Rest Bay car park.

The Amateur Champion wins a place in next month's Open Championship at Royal Troon and next year's US Open at Erin Hills, Wisconsin.

Traditionally, an invitation is also extended to play in the Masters Tournament at Augusta next year.

It is often the final step for a young talent, planning a career in the professional game.

IN BRIEF

A CHARITY fundraising frock swap, cocktails and canape event takes place on June 16 (7.30pm) in the Green Room (above SUSSED) in Porthcawl.

Organised by Sustainable Wales, the June Frock Swap is a chance to reduce, reuse, recycle and refresh wardrobes, have fun and save cash (entry £3).

"Select items no longer worn, which don't fit or are not you, but which you think others will value. Give those clothes or accessories an extended life and swap for others of a similar value. Only good quality items acceptable, donations also welcome in advance," said organiser Margaret Minhinnick.

For details contact wwwl.sustainablewales.org.uk or call 01656 783962.

History talk

THE Bridgend branch of the Glamorgan family History Society will hold this month's meeting at Ty'r Ardd Local and Family History Centre, Sunnyside, Bridgend CF31 4AR on Monday, June 20.

Doors open at 7pm and the speaker is Mr John Dunkley-Williams.

Glamorgan YFC hosts a special tractor run



The Wales YFC tractor.

GLAMORGAN Young Farmers, with the support of the Glamorgan Iron Horse Vintage Society, are holding a special tractor run around the county.

Each year, the chairperson of Wales Young Farmers Club (YFC) sets a charity challenge to mark their year in office. Vicky Hope, current Wales YFC Chairman, came up with the idea of a 'future's fund' to secure finances for members' personal development on both a county and national level.

On Saturday, June 18, road legal tractors, 4x4 vehicles and ATVs will set off on a scenic route around the county. A special appearance will be made by the Wales YFC purple tractor, which has been specially branded and kindly donated by the Tallis Amos Group for the Wales-wide tractor run taking place in YFC counties.

Starting at Llanilid Farm, Pencoed, by permission of the Griffiths family, drivers are asked to meet at 8.30am for registration (entry £10) and refreshments before hitting the open road at 10am.

There will also be a raffle and at the return of the vehicles and a social gathering will be enjoyed followed by a barn dance at Windmill Farm, Llansannor, hosted by Maendy YFC to round off the day.

Glamorgan YFC chairperson, Kay Lewis-Thomas, said: "As one of the smallest counties in YFC organisation, we are thrilled to be supporting Vicky and the work of Wales YFC. Together with the Glamorgan Iron Horse Vintage Society, we welcome everyone to join us for an action packed day."

For further information, contact county organiser, Gwyneth Thomas, on 07779 331839, or email Glamorgan@yfc-wales.org.uk Also follow updates on Facebook page (/GlamorganYFC) and Twitter account (@GlamorganYFC).

Midsummer performance by new poet

SUSTAINABLE WALES' 'Green Room' returns on Friday, June 24 at 8pm, with a performance by David Forster Morgan,, who has recently published his first collection of poetry, *Masculine Happiness*.

The performance will be followed by an 'open mic' session in which local writers read their work.

Entrance is £3 and all are welcome. The Green Room is above Sussed at 5 James Street, Porthcawl, CF36 3BG. Telephone 01656 773627 for more information.

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School wins prize in national competition

A TEAM of four students from St Clare's School in Porthcawl has reached the final of Shell's new national schools competition, The Bright Ideas Challenge.

With three out of four people globally set to live in cities by 2050, the competition asked young people aged 11 – 14 to take a journey into the future and imagine creative solutions to power the cities of tomorrow.

Students from St Clare's looked at increasing the supply of clean and affordable energy by using the energy created through everyday activities.

The team proposed installing a comprehensive network of giant rollers under every road to harness kinetic energy. This energy would power underground turbines in a self-perpetuating energy generation system.

By using their ingenuity and problem-solving skills, alongside their science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) expertise from the classroom, the students really pushed the boundaries of creativity. The judges praised the team's radical solution for its joined-up thinking and for its recognition of transport systems as potential generators, as well as consumers, of energy.

Martin Haigh, senior energy adviser at Shell and one of the competition judges, commented: "Powering our cities to ensure they are clean, healthy and vibrant places to live is a huge challenge that will require incredible levels of ingenuity and collaboration.

"Today's young people will play a vital role in tackling the big issues that will positively shape our future and we should encourage their creative thinking and ingenuity.

"The team from St Clare's School really rose to the challenge, surprising us with their level of insight and great ideas."

As the winner for Wales, St Clare's won £1,500 to help super-size its STEM lessons. Each of the winning team members will also receive their own personal tablet computer, as well as a funded trip to Make the Future London, a festival of ideas and innovation which Shell is hosting at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, June 30 – July 3.

It will feature live science shows, hands-on activities and engaging careers experiences, all aimed at bringing STEM education to life.

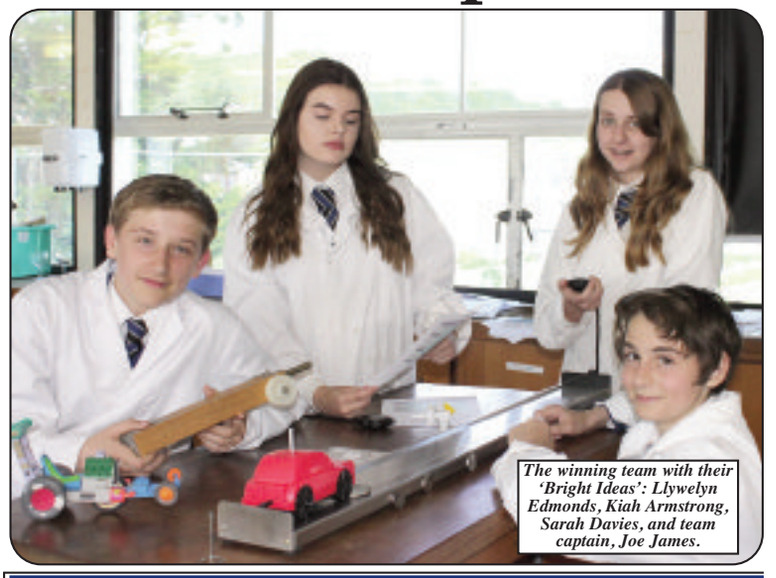
At Make the Future London, the winning team of four students will also find out if they are the national champions of The Bright Ideas Challenge. If so, they'll win a total of £5,000 for their school.

The winning 'Roller Squad' team commented: "The Bright Ideas Challenge was tough but that's what made it so rewarding. We're really excited about going to Make the Future London and getting the whole school voting on how we should spend our prize money!"

St Clare's headteacher Simon Antwis commented: "Encouraging students to pursue certain subjects can be a challenge. Many children quickly dismiss themselves as 'not being scientists' or they don't see the relevance of the subjects for future careers.

"Competitions like The Bright Ideas Challenge are vital to help schools like ours demonstrate the real world value of what we teach in the classroom.

"Seeing our students reach the final has not only been hugely exciting for them but it has inspired so many more students at the school. Now we can't wait to see if we'll be crowned the national champions."



The winning team with their 'Bright Ideas': Llywelyn Edmonds, Kiah Armstrong, Sarah Davies, and team captain, Joe James.

VOCAL DUO ENTERTAIN AT MAESTEG FESTIVAL

Photos by Scenic Gallery.





THE latest concert at the Maesteg Festival featured the husband and wife vocal duo, Cantare.

Angharad Morgan and David Fortey were supported by the Curtain Up children's theatre group (above).

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SHINING SEA OF PINK AS HUNDREDS TAKE PART IN THE 'RACE FOR LIFE'

SOME ran, some walked, some strolled, while others danced...

Some were even in wheelchairs, or took their dogs – but they all took part in the 2016 'Race for Life'.

Held on Sunday, June 5, hundreds of women and girls – as well as the occasional boy – made their way around the course in the blazing sunshine at Newbridge Fields, Bridgend.

Each person taking part had their own unique reason to run, but they were all there to celebrate the lives of those who struggle against cancer, some of whom have been lost, and to help raise vital funds for Cancer Research UK.



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Who wants to build what, and where?

*Lidl UK GMBH – **Lidl supermarket off Maesteg Road, Tondu** – Replacement of existing flagpole with 7.5m high totem sign.*

*RBS – **15b Talbot Street, Maesteg** – Internally illuminated ATM surround signage.*

*Miss R Garrett – **The Fields Bungalow, West Road, Porthcawl** – Fell and replant one black poplar.*

*BCBC Regeneration department – **Rear of 4-6 Merthyr Mawr Road, Bridgend** – Cut back overhanging branches.*

*Penybont Real Estate Co Ltd – **45a John Street, Porthcawl** – Alterations to first floor flat including the formation of a small office in the rear section.*

*Mr Paul Joseph – **The Old Police Station, John Street, Porthcawl** – Remove stud wall (rooms 7 and 8) remove WC and cupboards, renew cell windows and reinstate cell door furniture.*

*Persimmon Homes West Wales – **Parcels R21 and R22, Parc Derwen, Coity** – Approval of details for conditions 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of P/15/569/RES.*

*Mr Sobhie Aljarjary – **Car park next to 108 Pisgah Street, Kenfig Hill** – Use car park as a car wash.*

*Mr Huw Stockford – **11 Parcau Road, Bridgend** – Demolish existing garage and rebuild larger garage.*

*Mr Tim Berry – **71 Jubilee Crescent, Bridgend** – Extension to existing kitchen extension and pitched roof to both proposed and existing.*

*Bridgend County Borough Council – **Land at rear of 297-311 Erw Hir, Brackla** – Proposed park and ride facility (phase 1).*

*Mrs Susan Owen – **17 Fulmar Road, Porthcawl** – Non-material amendment to P/15/207/FUL – reduce size of windows to front elevation.*

*Windsor Group – **Former Woodstock Inn, Station Road, Kenfig Hill** – Approval of details for conditions 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 of P/15/464/FUL.*

*ABA Holdings Ltd – **Jennings Buildings, Eastern Promenade, Porthcawl** – Approval of details for conditions 2, 3, 4 and 5 of P/15/608/LIS.*

*BOS Leisure – **BOS Leisure, 12 Marshfield Avenue, Pyle** – Alteration to roof type and install windows to west elevations – amendment to P/15/367/FUL.*

*Agrivert Ltd – **Parc Stormy, Stormy Down airfield, Bridgend** – Approval of details for condition 6 of P/14/700/FUL.*

*Mr Adrian King – **1 Swn yr Aderyn, Kenfig Hill** – Create hard standing, extend existing wall, erect a new fence and include land into curtilage of dwelling.*

*Mr David – **Land fronting Waterton Lane, Waterton, Bridgend** – Reserved matters for construction of five detached dwellings.*

*Mr Greg O'Neill – **Land adjacent converted barn (Gilfach Uchaf), Llangynwyd, Maesteg** – Erection of four private stables and store.*

*Mr Stephen Blackwell – **Pentre Beili Farm, Lewistown** – Approval of details reserved by conditions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of P/15/703/FUL.*

*Mrs P Lewis – **11 Ffynon y Maen, Pyle** – Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed single storey side and rear extension.*

*AEW Architects – **Unit 4, Parc Plaza, Waterton Road, Bridgend** – Two internally illuminated fascia signs, one internally illuminated projecting sign and three estate signs.*

*Valleys to Coast Housing – **The Square, Newcastle Hill, Bridgend** – Fell conifer trees, crown-reduce cherry laurel hedgerow to 1.5m, replant mixed native species.*

*Mr Gareth Williams – **Newbridge Farmhouse off Merthyr Mawr Road, Bridgend** – Increase height of ground floor annexe with covered walkways, new chimney, porch, replace ext. render and alterations.*

*Mr Lee Greenhall – **38 Georgian Way, Brackla** – Remove bi-folding doors to rear and replace with window and install double door to side elevation.*

*Mr GJ Henson – **9 Melton Drive, Bridgend** – First floor supported extension to side.*

*Mr Shayban Al-Ibrahim – **Unit 2, Maesteg Road, Tondu** – Proposed louvered ventilation grille, a/c and cold room compressors at high level on rear elevation of unit.*

*Mr David Bertorelli – **Land adjacent to 30 Cefn Glas Road, Bridgend** – Single detached dwelling.*

*Mr Terence Mabey – **20 Esgair Y Maes, Broadlands, Bridgend** – Convert garage into a dining room.*

*Admiral Taverns Ltd – **Crown Hotel, Crown Row, Maesteg** – Proposed beer garden refurbishment.*

*Mr P Hope – **Plot 15, Abergarw Farm site, Brynmenyn** – Reserved matters for one dwelling.*

*County Contractors – **TSB, 19 Talbot Street, Maesteg** – Replace timber windows to upper floors on front and rear elevations with UPVC.*

*Cornerstone Construction Bridgend Ltd – **Plot next to 13 Heol Tree Dwr, Waterton** – Approval of details for conditions 2, 3, 5, 8 and 9 of P/15/179/RLX.*

*Mr John Davey – **The Woodlands, 67 Ystrad Waun, Pencoed** – Single storey sun lounge extension to replace conservatory.*

*Mr R Benyon – **8 Nant Y Wennol, Broadlands, Bridgend** – Two storey extension to extend lounge/bedroom.*

*Mr Scott Squires – **4 Arlington Road, Porthcawl, Bridgend** – Replace existing extension with single storey flat roof extension and replace bedroom window with patio doors and Juliet balcony.*

*Mr Philip Stinton – **Derllwyn House, Derllwyn Road, Tondu** – Approval of details for condition 1 of P/14/587/FUL.*

*Mrs Nicola Loveluck-Hooper – **48 King's Terrace, Nantyffyllon, Maesteg** – Second storey addition to rear extension.*

*Mr Giles Phillips – **30 Wernlys Road, Pen-y-fai, Bridgend** – Erection of porch to front elevation.*

*Mr Richard Colin Player – **6 Traws Fynydd, Brackla, Bridgend** – Single storey pitched roof garage to side.*

*Mr Mark John – **42 Heol y Mynydd, Sarn** – Single storey extension.*

*Pin-it Pastry – **Pin-it Pastry Ltd, Abergarw Industrial Estate, Brynmenyn** – Extension to the offices.*

*Whittington Landscape Architect – **Bryncethin Memorial Hall, Heol Canola, Bryncethin, Bridgend** – Discharge of conditions 2 – 6 of P/15/672/FUL.*

*Persimmon Homes West Wales – **Land east of A4061 (BNDR) Coity** – Reserved matters 220 dwellings with associated vehicular and pedestrian accesses, parking, landscaping and ancillary development.*

*Valleys To Coast – **5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 21, 21a, 24, 37, 49, 49A, 51, 51A, 53, 53A, 55, 55A, 57, 59, 59A, 61, 61A, 3, 5, 9, 11, 13, 15 The Square, Bridgend** – External repairs and improvement works to multiple properties in Newcastle Hill conservation area.*

*Miss S Thomas – **11 Albany Road, Pontycymmer, Bridgend** – Single storey rear extension.*

*Homestyle Care Ltd – **Land R/O 5 Cwrt Newydd, Broadlands** – Twelve one-bedroom units and two two-bedroom units (14 total) for supported living.*

*Mr Brett James – **12 Pant Yr Hebog, Broadlands, Bridgend** – Proposed first floor and side extension.*

*Mr Alex Peever – **76 Eustace Drive, Sarn** – Double storey rear and side extension.*

*Mr Andrew Harris – **42 Marian Street, Blaengarw, Bridgend** – Rear first floor bathroom extension.*

*Mr Roberto Majewski – **14 Penybont Road, Pencoed** – Change of use from single dwelling to two dwelling units.*

*AEW Architects – **Unit 4, Parc Plaza, Waterton Road, Bridgend** – Installation of oven extract, fresh air intake and compressors.*

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HOW LOVE FOR ALBANIA BEGAN WITH A FAVOUR

WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK



Bridgend MP MADELEINE MOON writes an exclusive report from Westminster for The GEM.

"Could I ask you to do me a favour?" **was the quiet, unassuming request from a priest at a social event in his church.**

I was mayor of Porthcawl, it was 1996, and the favour? To go to Albania and visit two towns the church was helping – one Catholic, the other Muslim.

Albania was at one time the European equivalent of North Korea.

A closed country ruled by a dictator called Enver Hoxha where people were totally cut off from life in the west and fed communism, lies and little else until 1991.

I went with the deputy mayor Pauline Lawrence on this first great adventure to a country I find myself going back to every 10 years or so.

In 1996, we circled the airport while cows were chased off the runway, and it took a long time to get through passport control – as we failed to place a bribe inside the passports.

Outside the airport, we saw hundreds of concrete bunkers covering the fields. More than 700,000 were built for Albanians to flee to when the evil west came to steal the country's great wealth.

Life was grim in 1996. Our hotel had no heating and we slept fully clothed. We visited a hospital where there was one syringe for use by all of the patients.

There was little medicine or equipment, and mounds of soiled dressings on the path outside being eaten by roaming pigs.

The schools we visited had no windows, no books and no paper or pens – unless the children bought their own.

The children were desperate to learn, hungry to understand the outside world and to be like Europeans.

The country was beautiful and undeveloped. The politicians were eager to understand how you worked with someone who held different views and party affiliations to your own, without killing them or imprisoning them.

This seemed like a crazy idea, after years of repression and dictatorship.

Fast-forward 10 years and I was an MP in Albania as part of an all-party parliamentary group.

The country, with nothing in 1996, had undergone a civil war, a financial collapse, and was again trying to rebuild itself.

There were better roads, shops selling clothes instead of markets selling second-hand western clothes.

We met the new mayor of the capital city Tirana, Edi Rama, a man with a vision for his country, which included joining NATO and the EU.

The parliament was passing laws such as banning smoking in public places, though these were ignored.

There was a problem with crime, especially the trafficking of women and money laundering; and the number of Albanians fleeing to the west as unemployment remained high.

The school I visited had windows, books and students still eager for knowledge and to be like the rest of Europe.

Finally, jump forward to May 2016.

Albania is a member of NATO and Mr Edi Rama is Prime Minister.

I was in Tirana to give a paper to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly on the need to reinvest in our naval forces.

From 2010 – 2015 the Royal Navy saw a 33 per cent decline in the number of carriers and amphibious ships, a 17 per cent decline in submarines, and another 17 per cent decline in destroyers and frigates.

The UK fleet that fought in the Falklands 33 years ago was bigger than the entire standing Royal Navy today. At the same time, Russia and China are investing heavily in naval capability.

The paper was well received.

The British delegation stayed in a hotel with Japanese, Australian and American guests.

Albania is now number four on a list of global tourism destinations, according to the New York Times.

The country has the largest offshore oil and gas reserves in Europe and its agricultural sector is thriving.

At a conference, Mr Edi Rama was asked how he felt about Michael Gove talking about Britain being more like Albania.

He laughed and says he would prefer to be more like the UK and cannot understand why anyone would want to be like Albania.

I asked the defence minister what the country will be like if I return again in 10 years.

She talked of being a member of the EU and not surprisingly wants their military forces to focus on educational and training skills.

I hope I get to go back. The conference gave me no time to explore the country outside of the capital. I didn't even make it to the British military war graves in the cemetery behind our hotel.

I asked an Albanian MP how they had achieved so much in those 20 years since my first visit.

He felt it was thanks to the templates NATO and EU membership application had given the country.

There are still huge problems, but the bunkers have gone.

The country is open to visitors, and the ice cream shop near the conference hall sold amazing vanilla and triple chocolate cones.

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RED ARROWS OVER ISLAND THIS SUNDAY!

THE Red Arrows are returning to Barry Island this Sunday, June 12 at 12 noon, for what should be a thrilling afternoon.

Last time the world famous acrobatic team appeared in the skies above Barry, thousands turned out on the Island and at vantage points in the town. The display is all part of the Festival of Transport.

Roads are likely to be congested on the day, so people are advised to consider the 'park and ride' shuttle train service being operated by Barry Tourist Railway from the Waterfront Station to Barry Island starting at 9.15am.

Organisers point out it's also an opportunity for people to go to the revamped pleasure park.

John Buxton, director of Barry Tourist Railway, said: "We are really excited about the event and my company, Cambrian Transport is pleased to be the main sponsor of the Red Arrows display.

"I'm pleased that we have enlisted the support of many Barry Island traders this year to help make the display happen including John's Café, Marco's, O'Shea's Café and Danter's Fun Fair.

"Our last 'Red Arrows' event brought over 40,000 people to Barry Island and year by year it's growing."

The festival is becoming one of the biggest events of its kind in the country, including a display of vintage buses, lorries, cars, motor-cycles displays and military vehicles.

There will also be auto jumble and vintage stalls on the promenade, and Barry at War Museum inside Barry Island Station.

Cast list for The Vackees (See facing page)

Production team

Directors: Shelley Rees Owen and Naiomi Pearl Roberts.

Musical director: Nathan Jones.

Assistant tutors: Meredith Lewis, Olivia Hopper, Jack Davies and Rob Davis.

Venue stage manager: Richard Davies.

Deputy stage manager: Andy Burnett.

Lighting designer: Mario Williams.

Sound designer: David Spencer.

Assistant stage managers: Sam Stables, Oliver Millen, Becky Davies.

Set design and props: Sara Harris and Ellis Watts.

Set assistants: Emily Barry.

Costume: Parents/guardians, BYT members.

Production assistants: Owen-Rhys Evans.

Venue administrator: Kelly O'Neill.

Videographers: Laura Nogues and Nuria Paris.

Chaperones: Lili Smith, Mali Thomas, James Evans-Jones, George Neson, Aisling Thomas, Matthew Jones, Regan Davies.

The Vackees character and cast list

BBC announcers: Frankie Ezard, Jasmin Roberts and Joel Bennett; Sienna Jones and Luca Pucella; Katie Coombes, Maya James, Mali Perry, Chloe Berry, Aaron Merchant, Nia Maclennan, Jack Davis.

The Vackees Gang: Kip – Benji Jones; Chuck – Jude Blake; Mack – Daniel Huckridge; Eric – Ed Neeson; Arthur – Mattie Neeson; Jonny – Aaron Merchant; Leonard – Gruffydd James; Eileen – Alea Becchey; Kath – Molly Merchant; Kurt – Tomos McQueen; Nan – Poppy Shears; Elsie – Lili – Perl Arnold and Isobelle Harris; Molly – Olivia Hughes; Jonny – Jake Thomas; Alan – Luca Muzzupappa; Davy – Nathan Powell/

Country Kids Gang: Ellen – Phoebe Johnson; Grace – Olivia Pownell; Gwyn – Billy Thomas; Lance – Quinn Stables; Stan – Will Morgans; George – Rhys Jones; Fred – Joseph Kinsey; Dot – Taya Beechey ; May – Efa Morris; Nel – Maddi Campbell; Alice – Rizzoli Lee; Judith – Grace Clear.

Adults: Kip's mother – Tegan Hayes; Mr Constance – Jack Williams; Mr Jack – Will Foskett; Miss Maybee – Carys Morgan; Aunt Luce – Isabelle John; Mrs Crabtree – Hannah Strong; Lady Holdmore – Charlotte Roberts and Emma Jenkins; The Vicar – Erin Davies; German pilot – Dafydd Rees; Billeting Officer 1 and 2 – Willis Deeks and Aled Davies; Ginger Rogers – Abbi Audsley.

Gangster – Lauren Hancock.

Evacuees: Katie Jeanette, Ellie Parry, Ophelia Ellis, Freya hampton, Cerys Jones, Ella Pearce, Aaron Merchant, Cerys Stevens, Samuel Weaver, Poppy Newton-Williams, Evie Richards, Seren Protheroe, Eflyn Dempster, Eloise Grover, Lois Bratcher, Kelyn Wells, Kirsten Daly, Megan Morgan, Lily Stephens, Lennon Owens, Enfys Haf Arnold, Rhiannon Bater.

Mini Evacuees: Dylan Owens, Ella Beechey, James Cavill, Charlotte Cole, Annie Rees, Ruby Gould, Amy Harvey, Grace Mahoney, Megan Jones, Oscar Harris, Amaia Samson, Kobe Samson, Herbie Morrison, Slater Cummings, Iris Evans, Jack Corish, Riley Evans, hari Cole, Michaela Green, Ellis Morgan, Rudy Richards, Analiese Prescott, Kennedy Jones, Eric Proctor, Atreyu Cummings, Finley Thomas, Malen Dempster.

Country Kids: Richard Kirkup; Sophie Bratcher, Annabel Brooks, Seren Cole, Savannahy Evans, Sadie Hill, Elizabeth Hopkins, Lacey Jones, Rhys Keagle, Lexie Lewis, Isabella Mackleworth, Ffion Morgan, Grace Preece-Jones, Libby Purdue, Iman Rossaye, Jorja Jenkins, Sophia Mae Evans, Lucia Gates, Lily Barret, Isabella Chappell, Rachel Clear, Mylo Collings, Aaliyah Colton, Shannon Davies-Evans, Caitlin Fallow, Freya Jenkins, Lily Jenkins, Eleanor Lieberman, Toby Maddern, Ava-Grace Randall, Megan Ricahrds, Iolo Walters, Catrin Weeks, Freya Evans-Deable, Mia Cray, Imogen Protheroe, Iwan Johns, Demi Hutn, Daisy Richards, Willow Thomas, Poppy James, Ffion Harman.

Starlets: Abbie O'Neill, Eleni Jones, Isabelle Evans, Lauren Hancock, Steph Jones, Ella Blake, India Clatworthy, Elin Jarman, Holly Sinclare.

Land Girls: Rachel Whistance, Caitlyn Huckridge, Bethan Jenkins, Lauren Webster, Nia Humble, Lauren Bailey, Emily Morgan, Megan-Robyn Evans, Natasha Leeson, Lucy Stocqueler, Orla Danahar, Eve Manley, Amy Hurley.

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Review by PHILIP IRWIN

PUTTING any musical on stage is a challenge, but this year's offering from the Bridgend Youth Theatre (BYT) Juniors, *The Vackees*, performed last week at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, was definitely not an easy option.

For the show's directors, Shelley Rees Owen and Naiomi Pearl Roberts, plus musical director Nathan Jones, there was the challenge of handling a cast of 163, aged from six to 14, plus tackling Carl Davis' score, where many of the songs were written for older performers.

It's a 'musical' musical – definitely not one where the songs are straightforward.

I'm reluctant to single performers out at this tender age, but there were some fine voices on stage, and the whole cast showed the usual level of concentration and discipline that are the hallmarks of the BYT.

The music ranges from rousing group numbers to dramatic solos, from comedy spots to Hollywood pastiches, and I do wonder why more companies don't do this show. There are plenty of roles for adults, as well as for the younger ones.

So, congratulations to the entire production team. The complicated task of getting one large group off the stage slickly, and getting the next on ran like clockwork.

Who knows how this crop of juniors will develop, but *The Vackees* proved that there is a great pool of talent in the area!

Cynics would say that standing ovations are par for the course whenever children are on stage, but the audience's reaction to this show was as warm as could be – and totally deserved!

NOTE: For cast and production credits, see facing page.

For more photographs from this show, go to mandythomasphotography.com Click on 'client area' and then enter the password 'vackees'. Please note: The password will need to be entered a second time



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Asylum seeker sets his sights on classroom

AFTER fleeing Sir Lanka due to political hostility and ethnic conflicts, Cardiff and Vale College (CAVC) student Priyantha Gamage is now aiming to continue his studies and become a teacher in the UK.

Mr Gamage has spent three years as an asylum seeker in the UK and is still awaiting a final decision on his case.

This has left him unable to work to fund his studies to improve his English and become a teacher in the UK.

However, following dialogue with the Refugee Council and interview process, he has been awarded the English UK Wales regional group scholarship place on CAVC's full-time IELT programme. IELTS, or the International English Language Test System is the international standardised test of English language proficiency for non-native speakers.



Priyantha Gamage – CAVC scholarship.

Mr Gamage said: "Cardiff is a safe and friendly city that has made me feel very welcome.

"My son has started school here and has made lots of friends and I see Cardiff as a city of many opportunities."

English UK Wales are supporting Mr Gamage to study IELTS full-time at CAVC and he will take his test in early June.

"Cardiff and Vale College is a fantastic environment and I have been very happy with the course.

"I think the quality of the teaching has been excellent," he said.

Jim Shields, deputy head of English for international students, said: "Priyantha hopes to find work to continue his studies to become a qualified teacher in the UK, though this will, of course, have to wait until the decision regarding his asylum case has been made.

"Everyone at English UK Wales and at the college wishes Priyantha the best of luck with his studies, IELTS exam and asylum application."

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Speakers show diversity at the Vale Photo Club

TWO talks this month demonstrated the diversity on offer to members of the Vale Photographic Club.

Cardiff-born photographer Andrew McNeil, widely known for his work highlighting the plight of the Indian slums, spent several months living and documenting the lives of the homeless in Cardiff.

The resulting photographs, which have been featured in national and international publications, can only be described as thought-provoking, haunting and powerful. Andrew gave us an insight into the lives of the people in his photographs, some surprisingly young, some sadly no longer with us, their lives wrecked by combinations of mental illness, physical abuse, drink and drugs. Hugely poignant.

His photographs are now featured in his book, *Under the Bridge*, and Andrew donated a number of copies to club members.

This month, we also had something quite different from a young Penarth-based photographer, Gareth Jarvis, who turned his back on modern digital photography, preferring instead to use traditional equipment from the 1800s and early 1900s. The live demonstration was simply mesmerising.



Gareth's skill in pouring the chemicals, his patience in framing his subjects (upside down and back to front of course!) and the final fixing to reveal the picture 'magically' before our eyes was something special.

You can only guess at the wonderment and astonishment this would have caused for those seeing photography for the first time. Gareth is a young man just starting out in the photography business, but offering something quite unique. If you'd like to have your portrait taken by Gareth, or to see more of his work, his website is at www.garethjarvis.com – we'd strongly recommend a visit.

Whether you're looking to develop your skills as a serious photographer, just starting out with a new camera, or simply looking to take better photographs of the kids, you'll be most welcome at the Vale Photographic Club *(www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk/)*.

ANDREW COLEMAN

Airport goes for growth – as Flybe figures soar

FIGURES released by Flybe on June 1 – the first anniversary of the airline Flybe opening its two-aircraft base at Cardiff Airport – show that 334,000 passengers flew with the airline from Wales' national airport over the past 12 months.

The figure equates to an increase of more than 600 per cent in Flybe passenger numbers over the year-long period. Flybe increased its route network from four to 16 destinations and based two Embraer 195 jet aircraft at Cardiff during the same period.

Routes offered by Flybe include Cardiff, London City, Milan, Paris, Geneva and Dublin.

The airline also added special 'football flights' to Bordeaux, Toulouse and Paris for key Euro 2016 matches.

Flybe states that the growth of its network has generated more than 50 jobs including pilots and cabin crew.

It also claimed that the introduction of new routes and added capacity contributed to 12 consecutive months' passenger growth at Cardiff Airport, with passenger numbers 26 per cent up for the rolling year to just over 1.270 million.

Flybe's chief revenue officer, Vincent Hodder, commented: "Flybe's strong performance and increased growth over this first full year of our base operations at Cardiff demonstrates our commitment to the national airport of Wales.

"We have continued to fine tune our schedule with added frequency and new routes and that is testament to our flexibility and responsiveness in meeting customer needs."

Debra Barber, managing director and chief operating officer at Rhoose,, said: "Cardiff Airport is a strategic gateway in and out of Wales for thousands of businesses and holidaymakers.

"Last year was a turning point for the business, and we're targeting further growth in 2016.

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College open evening is announced

CARDIFF and Vale College (CAVC)will be showcasing its university courses at an open evening in its campus on Dumballs Road on Tuesday, July 5, from 5pm-8pm.

The college offers a range of higher education courses in partnership with universities from across the country, including the University of Birmingham and Cardiff Met and Kingston University.

Courses include a new airline and airport management degree, where students study at the college's international centre for aerospace training.

This facility, based at Cardiff Airport, Roose, includes classrooms, as well as specialist workshops, laboratories and a real-life hangar on which to hone skills.

Other new courses include foundation degrees in Hospitality, Tourism and Events Management and Professional Culinary Arts Management. CAVC offers a new HNC/D in Sports Coaching and Development and Rugby and Football Coaching which will be offered at the College's new International Sports Campus in Leckwith.

CAVC now also offers foundation degrees in finance, fashion styling and film as well as game art and design.

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CAVC student's 'red-carpet' design wins contest by a head



Nadia's 'red carpet' style.



Course tutor Lorraine Spear, Nadia Hadjali and head of hairdressing Ceri Evans at CAVC's Academi salon.

CARDIFF and Vale College (CAVC) student Nadia Hadjali has been crowned UK Student of the Year in a competition for budding hairdressers.

Nadia, who studies hairdressing and beauty Level 2 at CAVC's Barry salon, the Academi, was crowned UK Student of the Year 2016 by the Hairdressing Council.

Nadia had to create a 'red carpet look' while competing as one of the top eight Level 2 students from colleges and training companies from across the country at the L'Oreal Academy in London.

"Winning this award means the world to me – I feel really, really happy," said Nadia, who lives in Penarth.

"I've always wanted to be a hairdresser since I was a little girl, so I have a real passion for my work.

"I'm really enjoying my time at Cardiff and Vale College and I love the help and support I get from my tutors."

CAVC head of hairdressing, beauty and complementary therapies, Ceri Evans, said: "We are all so proud of Nadia for winning this UK-wide award – just to get through to the finals is a real achievement.

"Her 'red carpet look' was beautiful, but it was a real close call in the end and it was Nadia's obvious passion and dedication that impressed the judges and won the day."

'PLEASE SUPPORT CADETS ON MARCH'

THIS year, a team of cadets and adult instructors from Dyfed and glamorgan Army Cadet Force will be undertaking the annual Nijmegen Four Days Marches event, centred around the town in Holland of Nijmegen.

Each year sees over 40,000 participants compete in four days of marching at various distances. As a part of this event, there is a military contingent of 15,000 military personnel from all around the world, including around 1,500 British regular, reserve and cadet forces.

All military teams, which are made up of between 12 – 15 people, complete a route of 25 miles each day for four consecutive days. Those over the age of 18 complete this route carrying 10kg of dead weight as well. This year is a special event as it sees the 100th year the event has run.

The Army Cadet Force is a voluntary youth organisation for young people aged between 12 – 18, although the Nijmegen event is limited to those over the age of 16.

In order to qualify for the Nijmegen Marches, our team has already successfully completed the challenging Cosford two day march, which consisted of 50 miles marched over the course of two days. For both of these events there is a cost which has to be raised by the cadets to cover: entrance fees, transportation, feeding, accommodation and other associated costs. This comes to around £300 per entrant. The Dyfed and Glamorgan ACF have successfully qualified and entered one team into the event.

Bridgend is well represented in the Nijmegen team, with three cadets and one adult instructor who are attending the event.

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Performances begin at 6.30pm both nights, and audiences are invited to bring a picnic.

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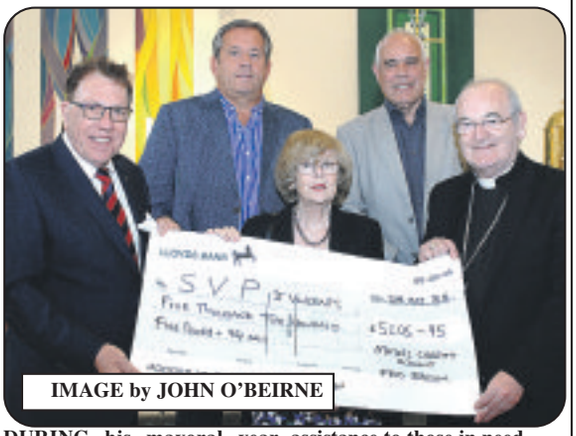


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DURING his mayoral year Coun Fred Johnson was committed to raising funds for The St Vincent de Paul Society – whose aim is to tackle poverty in all its forms through the provision of practical assistance to those in need.

Coun Johnson thanked everyone involved for helping to raise £5,205.95. The cheque was received with grateful thanks on behalf of the society by the Archbishop of Cardiff, George Stack at St Helen's Church, Barry.

The Glamorgan young farmers are ready to rally!

THE annual 'Rally Day' for young farmers across Glamorgan is set to take place this Saturday, June 11, at Slade Farm Organics, St Brides Major.

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To round off the activity-packed day there will be an awards presentation followed by a barn dance.

Entertainment, exhibitions, stalls, food and refreshments will be on offer. Entry to the event is free for under 16s and £2 per person for over 16s.

Glamorgan YFC rally committee chairperson, Natalie Lewis, said: "Rally Day is the busiest competition day in our calendar. It really shows what young farmers is all about; members working together and having fun at the same time!

"Come along on Saturday to experience the competitions and see what the YFC has to offer. And remember, you don't have to be a farmer to be in the YFC!"

Rally Day runs from around 10am to 5pm. For further information about the event, visit www.glamorganyfc.co.uk or contact county organiser, Gwyneth Thomas, on 07779 331839 or email Glamorgan@yfc-wales.org.uk. You can also follow updates on our Facebook page (/GlamorganYFC) and Twitter (@GlamorganYFC).

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Menter Bro Ogwr news

MENTER Bro Ogwr has had a very busy half term week. Our chief language officer, Amanda Jaine Evans, had the opportunity to go to the Welsh football team's farewell party at the Vale Resort where all 23 members of the squad, members of FAW and the Manic Street Preachers were present.

In the event, the ball that has been making its way around the county was presented to Ashley Williams, Gareth Bale and Andy King on behalf of Team Wales.

The giant footballs have been touring the whole of Wales as part of the Mentrau Iaith's (Welsh Language Inititaives) campaign to call upon supporters to send their messages of support and pass the ball to the next supporter.

This has been a huge success with over 20,000 signatures and messages written in Welsh, the footballs were lined up alongside the red carpet that welcomed the guests to the evening.

Adam Jones, communications officer at Mentrau Iaith Cymru, said: "The Wales football team and the FA have done so much over the pat few months to put Wales and the Welsh language on the map to an extent we haven't witnessed before.

"Our message in collecting the support was a single one: to encourasge supporters to consider learning and using whatever Welsh they have while supporting Wales in the Euros."

Ashley Williams, Wales captain, said: *"Receiving messages like this from across Wales gives us a huge boost. Diolch Cymru!"*

On June 3, a group of children and young people who attend Ysgol Cynwyd Sant, Ysgol Bro Ogwr, Ysgol Y Ferch o'r Sger and Ysgol Llangynwyd, went on a day trip to Bristol Zoo.

The weather was on their side and they had a wonderful time visiting all of the animals and playing in the park where they were able to be with their friends and speak Welsh throughout the day.

On June 4, the officers of Menter Bro Ogwr, Amanda Jaine Evans, chief language officer; Marged Elin Thomas, field and admin officer; Kathryn Campbell, services for children and families officer and Daniel Miller, youth officer, visited Tŷ Meinwr.

Tŷ Meinwr is a 40-acre farm nestled in the hills above the village of Pontycymer in the Garw valley,.

It is home to a new project exploring sustainable ways of living and farming that values the Welsh language and culture as part of the full spectrum of social and environmental sustainability.

Opportunities to volunteer and to gain new skills at workshops are offered in Welsh, bilingually and in English with Welsh names for plants, tools etc (and the stories behind the names) to those new to the language.

Tŷ Meinwr welcomes all types of volunteers from all walks of life. In particular, they offer opportunities to learn and use Welsh while working on the land and on a variety of projects, such as the Welsh heritage apple orchard or garden.

The staff of Menter Bro Ogwr have arranged the first event to take place at Tŷ Meinwr on Sunday, June 19.

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Look out in next week's GEM for further information.

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Ryan Gosling delivers exemplary turn in Shane Black's 'Nice Guys'



by GARETH JAMIESON
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THERE just isn't enough Shane Black in cinema. Black achieved incredible success when he retooled the 'buddy' movie to suit the 1980s blockbuster boom with *Lethal Weapon*. He then became a force to be reckoned with in Hollywood, writing scripts that sold for huge amounts of money.

Black blotted his copybook with *The Last Boy Scout* and *The Last Action Hero*, and, disillusioned, took a back seat, returning in style with 2005's *Kiss Kiss Bang Bang* (which he also directed) and, in 2013, took on writing and directing duties again with *Iron Man 3*, a film that took over $1.2 billion at the box office.

His latest film, *The Nice Guys*, sees him take on double duty again, writing with Anthony Bagarozzi; the film stars Ryan Gosling and Russell Crowe as Holland March and Jackson Healy as private eyes, who are hired to look into the death of a porn star in 1970s Los Angeles.

When they look deeper, they get caught up in the disappearance of a young girl (Margaret Qualley) and things soon start spiralling out of control...

Given his forte lies primarily in making films where odd-couple relationships are formed, sometimes begrudgingly, in order to achieve a greater good, Shane Black hasn't deviated greatly from the template he created all those years ago with *Lethal Weapon*.

However, the notion that *The Nice Guys* would be just another retread of former glories is one that should be disabused, for while it has all the hallmarks of Black's work, it is as fresh and exhilarating a film as you are likely to see this year.

The joy comes in the casting, in particular that of Ryan Gosling and Russell Crowe; neither known for their funny bones, but dig deeper and you'll see that when they do get the urge to tickle it, the results are pretty good, Gosling in *Crazy, Stupid Love* and Crowe in the Ridley Scott-curio *A Good Year*.

Their ability to work both ends of the spectrum comes up trumps here, the film neither an out and out comedy, nor a serious crime drama, instead finding common ground in the middle and exploiting it to superb effect.

Gosling's performance, in particular, is one of the best turns you are likely to see this year, the sort that awards are made for; smoothly moving between slapstick comedy and heartfelt touches, March is a shady, bumbling yet irrepressibly engaging character that Gosling brings to life incredibly well (witness his exchange with a dancer about his ability to act for an incredible laugh-out-loud moment) and truly shines throughout.

Crowe's character is, on the surface, the sort of good-natured bruiser that you often find in crime films, yet thanks to the actor's turn and the scriptwriting, you find layers in the character which makes Healy far more rounded than you would expect, the recollection of an intervention in a diner which brought him local fame highlighting his desire to do the right thing (and do it unflinchingly).

The parent-child relationship of March and his daughter Hollie is also beautifully played out, with young Angourie Rice more than matching her more experienced co-stars and their interplay brings both comedy and drama in equal measure.

Black and Anthony Bagarozzi's script is effortlessly superb, rooted in the essentials of film noir yet shot through the prism of the grit and glamour of 1970s Los Angeles, the omnipresent smog not only a plot point but also indicative of the mood of the times.

It is also incredibly hilarious, the dialogue beautifully written and the story, while obeying the conventions of its loose genre association, takes the occasional detour. (Only Black could do tragedy with a hint of black humour when it comes to the reason why one of the characters behaves the way they do). This only enriches the story and the characters.

The combination of all these elements results in a truly wonderful viewing experience – if nice guys finish last, then these *Nice Guys* are finishing top of the pile!

VERDICT: A humorous buddy movie with a noir-esque edge to it, *The Nice Guys* is an incredibly good film. Shane Black does it again, both in terms of script and direction, while the cast are across the board superb, most notably Ryan Gosling's exceptional turn. With its twisty plot and 1970s setting, *The Nice Guys* is well worth your time. *Essential viewing*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Inherent Vice* (2015), *Kiss Kiss Bang Bang* (2005).

What's on and where?

Valeways walks

ON Tuesday, June 14 at 1.30pm, 'The Lake in the Woods' starting at Welsh St Donats Hensol Forest car park CF64 5UY.

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They also meet on Wednesday, June 22 at 10.30am at Cosmeston Country Park visitor centre CF64 5UY.

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BUDDING lepidopterists should wing their way to the Old Hall Gardens, Cowbridge on Friday, June 10 for National Moth Night.

Weather permitting, the event – which includes 'light trapping' – will run from 9.30pm to 1am.

Moths trapped will be on display later on Saturday from 9.30am to 11.30am. For more information about the event, which is being run by Cowbridge Community College, call 01446 773373.

Royal Bake-off

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The brewer's business distribution arm also took Best of the Best at AB InBev's 'Wholesaler of the Year' awards. The family firm beat stiff competition to claim top prize from the world's largest brewery, citing a series of new best practice guidelines as instrumental to its success.

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The Best Kept Village competition (BKV), which at its height drew enthusiastic entries from every corner of the Vale of Glamorgan – has finally called it a day. The purpose of the competition was to help to preserve the rural character of the Vale against destructive urban encroachment and to encourage individual villages to take more pride in their great traditions.

The competition was organised so that even the smallest, most unpretentious village stood an equal chance of recognition with a village noted for its natural beauty or architectural features.

Although they are ending the competition with a heavy heart, the volunteer organisers are proud to look back at the history of a high-profile annual event that once drew local villages and hamlets together in friendly rivalry – an expression of community spirit that, sadly, is now being lost amid the pressures of modern life.

One man with a uniquely intimate knowledge of the competition, which began in 1953 with the presentation of the DC Jones Cup by a Barry businessman, is Basil Watkins, who was involved over the years in every capacity, ranging from volunteer helper to chairman and, finally, president..

He recalled: "My family moved to Pendoylan shortly after the competition started and we were struck by the enthusiasm of the villagers. The clerk to the parish council, Billy Williams, came round to see us and urged us to get involved.

"There was a meeting at The Red Lion and my wife and two boys were roped in, too. In those days, planning the campaign for the competition started very early. and everyone was assigned tasks.

"The important thing, of course, was that within a month we knew everyone in the village. It was the commitment of everyone that I enjoyed most.

"I can remember that one day, a lady called Olive Jenkins, who was a cleaner at the primary school, was picking up a cigarette end on the village green, when a car driver pulled up and offered her a pack of cigarettes!"

Basil got the bug when his village, Pendoylan, won that year. He said: "In those days, the presentation was in The Bear at Cowbridge, but I remember taking the cup back to The Red Lion where there was a huge party!"

It was a time when around 18 villages would enter, so it was a big deal for Pendoylan. When the winner's plaque was installed, the community organised a day of celebrations, with a village fair, police dog demonstrations and VIP guests. Wynford Vaughan Thomas was one notable.

With so many villages entering, the honours would be shared around quite a bit; the first seven years saw seven different winners, and St Nicholas, in 1960, was the first to win it twice.

Pendoylan may have managed only one win in the first 13 years, but they made up for it, becoming the 'winningest team' (as the Americans say), notching 16 victories.

Llanmaes did not win until 1973, but they are in second place, with a total of eight victories. Another village that took a while to get going was Gileston, who didn't win until 1976, but then won four times in a row. They went quiet then until 2013, when they won for a fifth time.

A big moment for the BKV was when Prince Charles expressed an interest in the competition, and asked to visit a village. Pendoylan was selected and the Palace security team descended on the village, prior to Prince Charles arriving by helicopter – to be greeted by the primary school choir.



Ystradowen villagers celebrating their win in 2010.



ABOVE: Basil Watkins ((second left) at a presentation ceremony.

After a lengthy stint on the management committee, Basil became chairman, a post he passed on to Irena Wasilewska several years ago.

The management committee brought in a number of innovations over the years, and Basil remembers fondly the schools' competition. This fitted in well with the curriculum, and a number of schools have created vegetable gardens that are tended by the pupils – either selling the produce for school funds or serving the vegetables in the school canteen.

Another innovation was giving villages a chance to enter a 'village feature' – which encouraged communities to either enhance an existing feature, or create a new one.

Yet another change involved adopting something from the Eurovision Song Contest, with the winners of one year hosting the presentation dinner the following year!

However, despite the innovations, the organisers had to acknowledge that the numbers entering were falling away, with fading interest and commitment.

A special feature in The GEM urgently highlighted the need for more entries, and the management committee put together small teams of volunteers, who went out to 'sell' the event. Nevertheless, in its final year, the BKV attracted just four entries.

Basil said that the management committee were "not getting any younger", and they had to acknowledge that times had changed.

He added sadly: "Business has changed, and so has family life, and it seems that the BKV doesn't fit in with the requirements of modern life. I think, though, we have left a legacy as a result of the schools' competition – and that is something we can be proud of.

"The Best Kept Village began the year that Queen Elizabeth ascended to the throne, and we are calling it a day as Her Majesty celebrates her 90th birthday."

The final decision was made in view of declining support among the villages. Only four representatives turned up for a meeting to discuss this year's competition and only four entries, the lowest ever in its history, had been received.

While many people might agree that six decades was a good innings... there will also be lasting regret over the passing of one of the Vale of Glamorgan's most iconic institutions.



ABOVE: Villagers in Gileston made a feature of daffodils one year.

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Friends of the Earth

THE next meeting of Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth will be on the second Tuesday of the month on June 14, NOT on the 7th as is usual.

Concerns to be discussed will include house building on Green Belts and the incinerator proposed for Barry Dock.

Welfare advice

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale will run a free welfare rights advice session at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, June 14 from 9.30am – 11.30am; no appointment is needed. Contact 01446 732385 for further information; home visits can be arranged.

What's On / *In brief*

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a free **legal advice session** on Tuesday, June 14 from 10am – 12pm at the Senior Health Shop; again, no appointment is needed.

A local legal team will be there to talk to if you are over 50 and worried about a legal matter other than criminal law.

Free Tai Chi for carers

CARERS need a respite from caring. The provider of Tai Chi in Porthcawl is a not-for-profit organisation which now provides a free Friday morning Tai Chi class to carers for use as part of a respite visit to Porthcawl.

We also offer Tai Chi and other Sun style martial arts classes and self defence classes to fee-paying customers, including Qigong etc. Take your pick, there's something for everyone!

Call 01656 784991 for full details of all classes offered.

EU referendum debate

AHEAD of the forthcoming EU referendum, a debate on the subject has been organised.

Taking place at the Hi-Tide Inn, Porthcawl on Wednesday, June 15 at 7.30pm, speakers from both the 'Vote Leave' and the 'Remain' camps have been invited to attend.

All are welcome to attend.

Readers' Letters

Please keep your letters BRIEF and address them to: The Editor, at Glamorgan GEM Ltd, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL or email gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk

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'Modern art or real life?'

LETTERS EXTRA





I CAPTURED the views (ABOVE) of The Butts in Cowbridge, just as the Food and Drink festival was getting under way.

The rubbish composition was created by the occupants of an upmarket and immaculate SUV shortly after 7pm on the Saturday evening.

Is the juxtaposition of the dumped domestic refuse against the walls of the derelict toilet block an artistic statement or just an example of the reality of Cowbridge life?
GJ Taylor, Cowbridge.

All this *and* a £5 parking charge!



WITH reference to the £5 charge to park your car at the Ogmore-by-Sea car park, this was just one bin – pictured (ABOVE) on Saturday, June 4 at 2.32pm.

All of the bins were overflowing with rubbish.

What are the users of this beach car park paying for and what kind of welcome is this to the Vale?

Disgustingly dirty toilets, no facilities, and a miserable council building with old shipping containers on the side blot our wonderful landscape.
Paul Evans

Stand by for the Seven Plagues!

I'M sure that like most people, I am now heartily bored with the in/out EU referendum, and simply want to cast my vote and get on with life.

However, I am happily impressed that the referendum has encouraged people to actively discuss issues and not to simply engage in tribal voting, simply because their grandfather and father voted for a certain colour. This, of course, is encouraged by all of the main parties bar UKIP, being split on the issue.

I'm sure I'm not alone in finding it intriguing how politicians like David Cameron and Jeremy Corbyn have changed their tune on the EU; having been very much Euro-sceptic in the past, but now are mysteriously campaigning to remain shackled to Brussels?

Like many people, I have been helped with my decision-making by the overseas leaders. For example, as the US President, Obama wants us to vote for what is best for the USA, and, equally understandable according to the papers, Fraulein Merkel can't see the need for the British people to have the referendum, but wants us to vote for what is best for Germany all the same.

I'm sorry, but with all the Project Fear projections of doom and gloom and the blatant disregard for electoral procedure, I have lost all respect for the Remain camp.

If the country is as bad as what they say, then as its leaders, only they can be blamed.

If we do gain our independence once more on June 23, and are once more able to make our own laws and trade agreements that benefit the people of Britain, I believe that the negative-thinking Remain leaders of this once proud country are not fit to lead it to its new democratic and prosperous place in Europe.

As for Project Fear, I'm expecting the prediction of 'Seven Plagues' if we leave the EU to be announced shortly.
Ade Pitman, Barry.

Wrestling with Punch and Judy

WHY is an evening of 'Body Slam Mayhem' licensed to be held on local council property, but a Punch and Judy show is banned?

Children, without age guidance or limitation, were recently invited to an evening of wrestling 'body slam mayhem' at a cost of £10 per ticket at Barry Memorial Hall. Presumably, alcohol was also on sale at the event.

To me, this is pandering to market forces, rather than submission to the voice of reason.

I have no objection whatsoever to either Punch and Judy or remarkably-athletic, masked men performing wrestling; and, as a member of Equity – the Actors Union – I am extremely proud to carry the same card as my fellow members, many of whom are wrestlers or puppeteers.

Both activities require a licence from the council and both require great skills with the common purpose of simply making fun of mindless violence.

Wrestling shows have an interaction with the audience which is markedly similar to that within the timeless Punch and Judy tradition.

I understand there are some legitimate concerns and these could and should be addressed by improved arts education training at local authorities, especially on Article 10 Section 6 of the Human Rights Act, which forbids public bodies from preventing "any lawful freedom of expression activity".
Coun Philip Rapier, Penarth.

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WAS CALL FOR MORE FIRST RESPONDERS



Cardiff International Pool CFR team.

THE Welsh Ambulance Service is appealing for more First Responders in the area as part of Volunteers Week.

Over 200 Community First Responder (CFR) schemes have been set up around Wales since 1998. The volunteers are trained by the WAS to administer basic first aid skills, administer oxygen therapy, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of a defibrillator.

Located in Cardiff bay, Cardiff International Pool's £23 million centre opened in 2008 and has over 650,000 visitors each year.

A CFR training course was provided by WAS trainer and paramedic Jason Sadler, who commented: "It's great to have CFR teams anywhere across Wales, and of course they are particularly helpful in locations where there is a large footfall, as in the case of Cardiff International Pool.

"We provide CFR training 'in situ' so all we need are a couple of rooms and eager and enthusiastic trainees. The Cardiff international Pool CFR team were a very keen and knowledgeable group to train and I have every confidence that they will be able to help save lives in years to come."

Richard Cooper, originally from Penarth has been in the leisure industry as a lifeguard for almost eight years:

"I've had previous responder experience in St John Ambulance but have not been able to respond with them for some three years.

"I saw the CFR programme as an opportunity to refresh old skills and learn new ones, while it also presented further opportunities for training. I thoroughly enjoy training and assessing and I'm looking forward to delivering the CFR course in the workplace in future."

To register your interest in becoming a Community First Responder, call 01633 294866 or email amb_first.responder.south@wales.nhs.uk.

Best foot forward for Walk@Work challenge

STAFF from across ABMU are being invited to take steps towards a healthier lifestyle – without having to leave their workplace.

'Walk@Work Week' starts on Monday, June 13 and is aimed at getting as many people as possible working at health board sites enjoying a bit of fresh air and fitness during their breaks.

Inspired by this summer's Olympic Games, the physiotherapy health promotion team behind the week has given it an Olympic flavour, with staff invited to pass the Walk@Work baton on to the next site as the week goes on.

The event is being held as part of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapists' annual Work Out at Work initiative promoting physical activity in the workplace.

Penarth team are in form!

INTER Penarth's under-7 age group added another notable achievement to an already successful season by seeing two teams go undefeated in the latest summer tournament at Island Marine.

The squad, drawn almost exclusively from Ysgol Pen-y-Garth, has proven to be a powerhouse in the end-of-season events, with one team yet to lose a single game and the other only suffering a couple of close reverses in the three tournaments played so far.

Under the guidance of coaches Dave Muxworthy, Adam Govier and Rhodri Lewis, the boys have improved immeasurably since the start of the season in September and, having initially come together as under-6s, shepherded by Andrew Weekes, are now proving themselves against opposition not only in the Vale, but also the Cardiff and Newport regions following tournaments organised in recent weeks by Danescourt FC and Newport Corinthians.

The latest event saw both teams pitched against familiar opposition at Island Marine's annual football festival, but resulted in eight wins across the day, albeit some in nail-biting fashion!

Although the regular season, staged on Saturday mornings at Jenner Park and Colcot Leisure Centre, finished several weeks ago, there is still plenty of football ahead for the talented group, with further tournament appearances scheduled for Sully this weekend and Canton Rangers next month before the coaches can take a well-earned break.
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Astronomy group

THE Barry and District Astronomical Society is now up and running at Barry Island Community Centre, Friars Road, Barry CF62 5TR.

It was set up with the beginner in mind. See Facebook page; contact 02920 551704 or email dave.powell@uwclub.net; home address 1 Tal-Y-Bont Road, Ely, Cardiff CF5 5EU) for details.

Information fair

VALE 50+ Strategy Forum is hosting an information fair on Friday, June 17.

Representatives from Age Connects, library services, Atal y Fro and the Vale community safety team will attend, as will the local PCSO. Assistance will be available for tablet and iPad users and information on concerns such as internet safety and dementia.

The fair will be held at Wales & West Hanover Court Sheltered Housing Scheme, Residents' Community Lounge, Langlands Road, Barry CF63 2AA from 10am – 1pm. Free entry and refreshments.

Coffee morning

ON Saturday, June 18 a coffee morning will be held at Tabernacl Hall (Derwen Road, Bridgend) from 10am to 12.30pm. Admission £2, to include a Welsh cake and tea/coffee.

There will be numerous stalls, including books and cards; proceeds to the main chosen chapel charities for this year – Water Aid, Talking Books Wales, and Tŷ Hafan. Welcome to all – *Croeso i bawb!*

Diabetes event

THE Vale of Glamorgan Diabetes UK Voluntary Group's next meeting is on Tuesday, June 21 in the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth, from 7.30pm – 9pm.

Speaker yet to be advised. *All welcome!*

Veterans' Mental Health

A MEETING is scheduled on board HMS Cambria, Hayes Road, Sully, Vale of Glamorgan at 10.30am on Thursday, June 23.

For full details, contact Cardiff and Vale Action for Mental Health at Unit 11 Williams Court, Trade Street, Cardiff CF10 5DQ. Call 02920 222000.



WILL THE ECCENTRIC CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW GARDENS INFLUENCE JOE PUBLIC?

by HANNAH STEPHENSON, Press Association

SUBTLE planting, soft blue, gentle pinks and white palettes, plus a focus on naturalistic designs and a strong health and wellbeing message formed a big part of Chelsea Flower Show this year.

So, what trends will we be taking home? There's no shortage of possibilities, says Sarah Eberle, who won Gold for her Viking Cruises Mekong Garden and also the Best Artisan Garden title.

She said: "We are looking at subdued tones. All the gardens and their plantings are quite naturalistic. They're not full of blousy plantings.

"We are looking to understand native plants and to protect them. There's suddenly value in the ordinary things that are around us."

The LG Smart Garden plantings would be quite easy to replicate, she says.

"It's easy on the eye to use a soft palette. If you use things stronger in colour, it's more difficult because it draws attention to things. So, without a designer eye on how to use strong colour, you can make mistakes.

"With these paler, softer colours you can't make many mistakes. It all blends together and is harmonious," says Eberle.

The designer Hay Joung Hwang's stunning display for LG featured Digitalis purpurea f. albiflora, with Rosa 'Natasha Richardson', Eremurus robustus, Iris 'Jane Phillips' and Salvia bullulata, but there are plenty more soft-coloured combinations which could add that natural and romantic look at home.

'Hard power' landscaping – the sharp, contemporary urban-style hard landscaping – is being surpassed by landscaping which complements the plants, rather than the other way round. Briza grasses were in abundance at Chelsea this year, as natural plantings took centre stage.

"The 'lifestyle' garden has become a quite subtle environment to be in," she observes.

Another theme which may take off is using gardening as a way to alleviate stress and planting plants with health-giving properties.

Aspects of a wellbeing plot, like 'Queen of Herbs' Jekka McVicar's Modern Apothecary garden, could add style and substance to borders in many gardens.

"Herbs such as lavender and thyme are not only good for animals, but also us," says Eberle. Terracotta pots filled with lavender are ideal for cottage gardens, while certain varieties such as Lavandula angustifolia 'Munstead' are great fragrant evergreens to edge a path.

Lavender will grow in any soil, provided it is well drained and is best in full sun, but will grow in partial shade.

Thyme, another pretty garden stalwart, needs planting in a sunny spot in poor, well-drained soil, so if you're having a go at replicating some of McVicar's thyme combinations and don't have that type of soil, work in lots of grit or grow them in a raised bed or containers.

Diarmuid Gavin's British Eccentrics Garden, with all its moving plants, may set a trend on people adopting some 'Heath Robinson' quirky additions.

"Compared to previous years, the focus was on fun rather than pomp, such as the moving British Eccentrics Garden and Bowden Hostas' Pullman Train," Eberle observes.

"You can add your own sense of fun by always having a sense of humour when you're gardening and not taking it too seriously. Even a comic feature or a garden gnome will do the job."

More naturalised and wild landscapes are features which amateurs may be copying in their own gardens, she adds.

Bee-friendly wildflower meadows, edible plants in pots and insect walls were all in evidence, along with a general feeling that we should be mindful that gardens need to adapt to their environments, as demonstrated in the L'Occitane Garden, a recreation of the beauty of the harsh yet varied landscape of Provence.

"Native planting is good for our native wildlife. There's still an increasing trend to introduce plants which are good for our butterflies and bees, and providing food for moths and caterpillars.

"There's a place for building bug walls and other elements which allow wildlife to thrive."

If we are to follow in Chelsea's footsteps, we will be creating gardens featuring all manner of plants with health-giving properties, trying to attract wildlife and which look natural, not too forced or formal, with schemes which are easy on the eye – and relaxing on the mind.

BEST OF THE BUNCH – *Foxglove*

The digitalis, whose scientific name means 'finger-like' because of the ease with which a flower of D. purpurea can be fitted over a fingertip, is a common sight in this country, growing everywhere from railway sidings, to wildflower meadows or standing tall in beds and borders.

These biennials grow easily in most gardens in moist but well-drained soil in dappled shade. In the first year they produce large rosettes of oval-shaped, deep green leaves followed, in early summer the next year, by a tall spire of flowers.

They look best when planted in groups in front of a dark background of shrubs or in dappled woodland. Perennial foxgloves include D. grandiflora, a smaller pale yellow version of the more familiar purple foxglove.

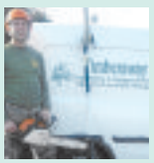
GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT – *thinning fruit*

Fruit trees, including apples, pears and plums, tend to produce a lot of fruit. If you leave all the little fruitlets on the trees, it will result in a harvest of smaller, misshapen fruits because the tree can't give them enough nutrients to flourish.

So, at this time of year you need to thin them even in addition to those which naturally fall off, known as the June drop.

Reduce the number of dessert apples and pears until each fruit is at least 10-15cm apart, while plums can be thinned to 8-10cm apart.

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Gardens seek volunteers

A CAMPAIGN has been launched to encourage visitors to explore gardens of Wales that are home to botanical treasures from across the world.

National Trust Wales has created a new World Gardens Guide, which features exotic species like the Brazilian Trailing Abutilons, whose bright flowers can be spotted in bloom at Tredegar House; and the Torreya Californica trees, that are now endangered in their natural habitat in North America, but are flourishing at Dyffryn Gardens in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Dyffryn is looking for garden tour guide volunteers to join its team.

Kate Simons, visitor experience manager at Dyffryn Gardens, said: "We're always on the lookout for extra volunteers to help bring the stories behind our gardens to life for our visitors. All you need is a passion for heritage and horticulture and the ability to tell a good story!"

Download the National Trust World of Gardens guide to see how many varieties of flowers from different continents around the world you can spot at sites across Wales this spring: nationaltrust.org.uk/wales.

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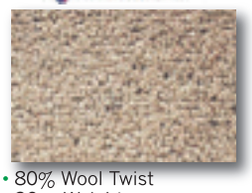
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CROWDS FLOCK TO GOLDSLAND FARM FOR 'OPEN FARM SUNDAY'

PHOTOGRAPHS by **MIKE WILCOCK**

A FARM near Wenvoe was one of a number that welcomed visitors last Sunday (June 5) for 'Open Farm Sunday'.

Goldsland Farm is on the Wenvoe Castle Estate, and three generations of the Reader family have farmed the land.

Currently, it is run by brothers John and Robert Reader, John's wife Jennifer and their daughter Abi.

A dairy herd of 180 cows is the main business of the farm, and the farm is proud to say that all their milk goes to south Wales Sainsburys stores.

It is a long-lasting relationship that is now in its eighth year.

The farm also has 150 sheep, and 30 beef cattle, and has also set aside 150 acres for crops, all of which go to feed the animals.

On Sunday, visitors were given a tour of the farm and, among other activities, had a chance to see a sheep-shearing demonstration!















Have-a-go activities on Open Farm Sunday at Goldsland Farm, on the Wenvoe Castle Estate included butter making, wheat and barley milling and egg collecting. However, the 'shear' excitement of removing wool from a sheep was left to the experts.



A host of young farm animals, including lambs, chicks and ducklings, put up with the gentle attention of some very eager children. Farmers, dairymen, shepherds and shepherdesses were on hand to talk the crowds through the work of producing foodstuffs and wool. Tractor rides around the farm provided a welcome break from wandering in the blazing sunshine.

Ffion wins European junior golf competition

YOUNG Welsh golf sensation Ffion Tynan won the US Kids European Championships for the second time last week.



The 13-year-old student at Y Pant Comprehensive School travelled to Gullane, Scotland, to take part in the event that saw over 600 golfers from 50 countries compete.

Ffion played in the Girls 13/14 year old category and led throughout the three day event with scores of 74, 73 and a final round of level par 72 to secure a three shot victory.

Going into the final round, Ffion had a four shot lead over Zimbabwean Danielle Bekker and nine shots over Millie Pratten.

A double bogey on the second hole offered a chance to both opponents and while Patten took advantage with a birdie, Bekker picked up a quadruple bogey to lose touch.

Pratten and Tynan then went on to play some incredible golf knocking no less than 10 Birdies between them.

Just as Pratten thought she was cutting the lead Tynan managed to hit back with double brides on holes five and six, and then again on 11 and 12.

Then a couple of errors by Tynan offered Pratten a chance with bogies on 14 and 15 from 2 under back to level par, and with Pratten hitting her sixth birdie of the round, the lead was just cut to just three shots

In a tense finale, though, Tynan stood firm on the closing holes and showed great composure, hitting some great approach shots and some steady putting to secure the victory. **AT**

Ladies open day at Wenvoe Castle

AT the height of the golf season, the competitions come thick and fast and yet another glorious day ensured the ladies enjoyed warm and sunny conditions for the ladies' open at Wenvoe Castle.

The superb setting of a golf course in prime condition meant that the actual golf being played was almost incidental with players simply enjoying a stroll in ideal weather conditions.

The competition attracted a large entry with over 100 players from throughout the region and the format with teams of three meant that individual competitors could still have the occasional 'disappointment' without seriously affecting the overall team score.

The benefit of local knowledge was offset with prizes awarded for the best scores by visiting teams, as well as for the teams from the home club.

The winning team in the visitors section were Mary Burke and Rita Howells from the Vale Resort who, with Wendy Motton, posted an impressive score of 80 points.

Runners-up with 77 points were Caroline Bird, Kate Parker and Karen Alexander from St Pierre Golf Club.

The friendly rivalry for the prizes for the home team was clearly evident during the presentation as the winning score of 81 points by Lynda Campbell, Fran Grant and Nicola Sims was announced.

Missing out by just a single point were the runners-up Barbara Beedham, Lesley Arnold and Tina Church.

The lady captain Sandra Hathway presented the prizes, including some stunning flowers, and thanked all the teams who had supported the competition and made it such a successful day.

The weather had clearly played its part and the efforts of green staff and the bar and catering were appreciated by all who took part.

Special mention was made about the contribution by the members who assisted with the smooth organisation throughout the day.

FULL RESULTS

Visitors team prize: 1st Mary Burke and Rita Howells (Vale Resort), Wendy Motton (Wenvoe Castle) - 80 points; 2nd Caroline Bird, Kate Parker and Karen Alexander (St Pierre) 77 points.

Wenvoe Castle team prize: 1st Lynda Campbell, Fran Grant and Nicola Sims 81 points; 2nd Barbara Beedham, Lesley Arnold and Tina Church 80 points.

Nearest the pin (second hole) - Simone Pidgeon (St Pierre) 221cm; longest drive (14th fairway) – Kate Parker (St Pierre); Twos prize shared by Carol Duncanston (Cottrell Park) second hole; Amy Clayton (Dewstow) 15th hole; Trish Walker (Wenvoe Castle) 15th hole. **BJ**



Lady captain Sandra Hathway is presenting the prize to Wendy Motton on behalf of the winning team. The winning members team are Nicola Sims (left) and Lynda Campbell and Fran Grant to the right of the lady captain.



Members' runners-up Barbara Beedham (left) and Tina Church (right) with the lady captain.

Barry Albion hold presentation evening

BARRY Albion held their end of season presentation on Saturday.

The winners were: player's player of the season - Louis Mills; player of the season - Kyle Henderson; most improved player - Callum Austin; top goalscorer - Louis Mills.

The club would like to thank all players involved this season, JJ Windows for their shirt sponsorship and to the Tynewydd Inn for the post match refreshments. **LJ**

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Marie Curie hospice staff say thank you to their volunteers



ABOVE: ***Pictured at the afternoon Blooming Great Tea Party are Barbara Vincent, community fundraiser Georgina Burke, Lyn West, Dave Vincent, community fundraiser Helen Mulhern, fundraising assistant Sarah Hughes, and Lynne Allison.***

ON Wednesday, June 1 during Volunteers' Week, Marie Curie staff waited on volunteers to say 'thank you' for the contribution they make to the running of the charity's hospice and care in the community.

One event saw the Penarth hospice host a special 'Blooming Great Tea Party' with music from harpist Glenda Clwyd, a free prize raffle, buffet and drinks served by Marie Curie staff.

This was followed by a similar evening event, where hospice staff donned aprons and served drinks and food to volunteers. Music during the evening was provided by Hank Hillman.

Paula Elson, hospice manager, said: "Our volunteers do so much to support the running of the charity, so we wanted to set a day aside to show them just how much we appreciate their support."

If you are interested in holding a Blooming Great Tea Party to support Marie Curie you can register for a free fundraising pack at www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty or call 0800 716146.

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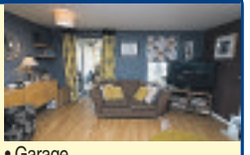
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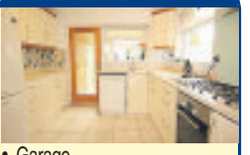
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Family remember Tanya by running the 'Race for Life'



'Team Junior Jeff' and 'The Jeffettes' at Newbridge Fields, Bridgend, last Sunday (June 5).

FUNDRAISING to create a running track at Y Bont Faen Primary School, Cowbridge, in memory of Tanya Floyd, continued last weekend when family and friends joined the 'Race for Life' in Bridgend.

Tanya Floyd taught in a Caldicot Primary School (Undy Primary), lived near Cowbridge, and her three sons were all pupils at Y Bont Faen.

When she died suddenly, both communities were deeply shocked and subsequently, the PTA at Y Bont Faen decided to raise funds for a running track in her memory.

Tanya's father, Peter Clinton, told The GEM: "Last Sunday, Tanya's boys and some good friends took part in The Race for Life at Newbridge Fields on and raised an amazing £880 (so far) for the running track.

"Joseff and Elis Floyd, 11 years old, reached the finishing line in an amazing 23mins and their younger brother Finley Floyd, eight years, finished in a remarkable 28mins.

"The Junior Team Jeff are Joseff, Elis, Finley Floyd, Celyn and Oliver Jones.

"The Jeffettes are Laura Jones, Caryn Gwilliam, Carys Beames, Lynette Dungey, Menna Jones, Jo Bain Venn Williams, and supported by Emma Thomas (who couldn't run through injury)."

The adoption of variations of the 'Team Jeff' name has come about because the older family members are running under that banner when they tackle local runs, also to raise funds for the running track.

Peter added: "Team Jeff (the men) will be doing their second 'Invincible' run at Pembrey on July 2.

"The family would like to thank the communities of Cowbridge and Undy for all their support and donations to Y Bont Children's Charity, Bridgend, Cancer Research Wales and Y Bont Faen Community All Weather Running Track."

LOCAL RUNNERS IN THE PINK FOR 'RACE FOR LIFE'

THEY came to run, to walk, to stroll, to remember and to raise money for Cancer Research UK. Each of the hundreds of women and girls – and the occasional young lad – took part for someone else, not themselves. Under a blazing sun and in a carnival atmosphere each person, young or old, whether with a jaunty gait or ambling, a was a winner in this race.

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Running in the race were Elis Floyd (above) and Finley Floyd (below). (See story, top left).



Cowbridge food festival chairman gives thanks to visitors

ORGANISERS of Cowbridge Festival of Food and Drink are "happy" that the event proved successful once more.

Russ James, the festival chairman, said: "We feel the festival was a great success, due to the excellent new layout on the main site, the extended food court and the new fringe events at Old Hall Gardens, all of which worked well for traders and visitors alike.

"Of course, the wonderful weather we had over the two days was great for the visitors and helped generate a party atmosphere, not only for the festival, but the town.

"Finally, we would like to thank everyone who visited Cowbridge to make it such wonderful festival."

Arts fund advice day in Maesteg

THE Arts Council of Wales is holding a grants advice session for artists or organisations developing a new arts project.

To find out if you may be eligible to apply for a Lottery grant, book an appointment to discuss it with one of the Arts Council of Wales' officers at Maesteg Town Hall on Thursday, June 23. First appointment 10am. To make an appointment, email the information team on information@arts.wales or telephone 0845 8734 900.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Charity match at the Grove

KPC Youth & Community are holding their annual charity golf day on Friday, June 24 at the Grove Golf Club, Porthcawl.

There are still a few tee-off times available, with team entry for teams of four £160 per team. Entry includes coffee on arrival, golf fees and a buffet meal following the round of golf.

Sponsorship is also sought for raffle/auction prizes or £50 to sponsor a hole.

For team entry forms and more details contact Alison on 01656 749219; kpcyouth@hotmail.com

KPC Youth to hold AGM

KPC will hold their AGM at their centre in Pyle on July 6 at 6pm. All welcome to attend and learn of the past year's achievements and future plans.

For more information contact 01656 749219 or kpcyouth@hotmail.com.

P&K golfers battle it out for trophy

LAST weekend saw Pyle & Kenfig play its unofficial club stroke play championship, the Ron Hurry Trophy.

Played over the two days, the winner and leading qualifier of the Club Championship was Mathew Peet with excellent scores of 74 and 69, a total 143.

On the Sunday, Matthew, a nine times club champion, was out in four under par 32 and, but for two bogeys to finish, came within a whisker of breaking the course record.

The runner-up was Tom Furneaux with two excellent rounds of 73, a total score of 146. In third place was the existing club champion, Chris Evans, who also had a very consistent weekend with two rounds of 74.

The Jubilee Cup is awarded to the player with the best net score over the weekend and this was won by Tom Furneaux, who off a handicap of three had a 140 total, with Chris Evans in second place on 142.

The competition was followed by the draw for the club championship knockout stage.

Chris Evans will begin his defence against Kevin Somerville. The draw also threw up the juicy prospect of a match between Ian Booth, who has been champion before, and the Welsh under-14 champion, Tom Peet – all of Ian's eight wins were before Tom was born, and he is 38 years his junior!

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Nantymoel RFC youth holds awards evening

NANTYMOEL RFC youth held their presentation evening on Saturday.

Well done to everyone who has put the time and effort in this season – the commitment has been outstanding.

Awards on the night went to: supporters of the year - Vicky and Steve Rossiter; best newcomer - Sam Jones; services to youth - Dean Young, Morgan Hier, Shaun Tilby, Zak Shakeshaft.

Forward of year - Jacob Edwards; back of year - Conner Rossiter; commitment of year - Ethan Gregory; player of year - Lewis Carson; player's player - Lewis Carson.

There will be a meeting held on June 22 at the club at 7pm for anyone who wants to join the youth committee - please contact Andrew Blowing on 07837 506710.

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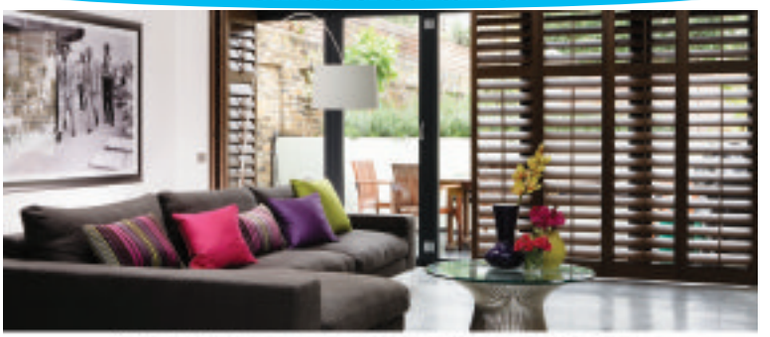
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Family Notices

LEWIS
Ralph
(Formerly of St Hilary)

Passed away unexpectedly at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, on Sunday, May 22. Well respected former Partner of Dolmans Solicitors, Cardiff. Beloved father of Geraint and Siân and devoted grandfather.

He will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends.

Funeral service to be held on Friday, June 17 at 12.15pm in St Hilary Church, St Hilary, Nr. Cowbridge, followed by committal at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Cancer Research Wales, Velindre Hospital, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF14 2TL in memory of Ralph.

All further enquiries to Rosemount Funeral Home, 19 Coychurch Road, Bridgend. Tel 01656 653156.

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GURNEY
Dell

Sadly, Dell passed away on May 26 in Milsom House Nursing Home, after seven weeks in hospital following a fall at home. Much loved wife of Des, and mother of Wendy, Sue, Neil and Andrew.

She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

A celebration of her life will be held in Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend on Monday, June 13 at 12 noon. Black need not be worn.

Family flowers only by request. Donations in memory of Dell, if desired, to Tenovus Cancer Care, Gleider House, Ty Glas Road, Cardiff CF14 5BD or RNLI (Barry branch), The Pierhead Buildings, The Outer Harbour, Barry Docks, Barry, CF62 5QS.

HAYSHAM
Christine (Teena)
(née Bastow)

Suddenly on May 25 at Llandough Hospital - Teena, devoted wife of Trevor and a much loved mum to Catherine, Anthony, Allison and Nicola. An adored nan and great nan to all her grandchildren.

She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Teena is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis at The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry, where floral tributes may be sent. Funeral service to take place at St Mary's Church, Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, June 14 at 1.45pm, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery.

Further enquiries to Lyndsay Ellis 01446 407962.

Acknowledgements

CLARK
Ruby Myrtle

The family of Ruby Clark would like to thank all their family and friends for the cards, flowers and many considerate messages of sympathy received.

Special thanks to their good friend Jeff Short for conducting such a personal and memorable service.

Thanks to Eryl Surgery, the District Nurses, Marie Curie and the University of Wales Hospital for their first-class caring of Ruby during her last few weeks.

Special thanks, also to Thomas Bros of St Brides Major for their professionalism and guidance throughout. Thanks also to the staff at the Well Pharmacy, Llantwit Major for many years of assisting mum, always with a smile.

MULLAN
Philip

Sylvia and all the family of the late Philip Mullan, a beloved husband, father and grandfather express their sincere thanks to family, neighbours, friends, Eileen and the Ladies Circle of St Helen's Church for all the kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent bereavement and also for the many cards and letters of condolence.

Our deepest gratitude to the consultants and staff of Barry, Llandough and Heath Hospitals for the excellent treatment and attention he always received and finally to HDU, who did all they could for him.

A special thanks to Deacon Elfed Jones who conducted the funeral service and to Lyndsay Ellis of Vale Funeral Service for his sympathetic handling of all the funeral arrangements.

PARRY
Roger

Peacefully on May 24 at the University Hospital of Wales, Roger, well known Jaguar specialist within Barry, the Vale of Glamorgan and throughout UK. Special brother of the late Colin and respected brother-in-law to Avril. Loving Uncle Rog of Nigel and his family.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Roger is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road Barry, until his service and committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Thursday, June 16 at 2pm. Family floral tributes only, donations to support RNLI Barry may be made at the service in memory of Roger.

PARRY
Roger
~ 24.05.16 ~

Our dear friend Roger, thank you so much for your kindness and special friendship, you will be missed so much, by so many.

Thinking of you – Barbara, Paul, Nicci, Marc, Lisa, Mattie, Topsi and Broga.

OFFORD
Sylvia Alexandra

Peacefully on June 5 at Ty Nant Nursing Home, Cymmer, Sylvia, formerly of Llantwit Major. Beloved wife of the late James, dearly loved mother of James and Deborah, mother-in-law of Michelle and Bryan, loving grandmother of Natalie, Bethan and Christopher.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Wednesday, June 15, service and cremation 1.45pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to Alzheimers Disease Society to c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3DZ.

ESKINS
Margaret *(née Bennett)*

Suddenly on May 24 at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, Margaret aged 80 years, of Barry.

Dearly loved wife of Edgar, a loved mother of Simon, Louise and the late Jonathan. Mother-in-law of Sue, Nigel and Sue. Cherished grandmother of Tom, Eleanor, Isabel, Kezia, Dan, Kate and Rob. Sister of Noreen.

Margaret will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until the funeral on Monday, June 13. Funeral service at All Saints, Barry, at 11am, followed by cremation at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry, at 12 noon. In lieu of flowers, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for B.H.F.

HICKS
Dorothy

Peacefully on May 28 at College Fields, Barry, Dorothy Marina Lois (Doris), aged 93 years, previously of Llandinam Road, Barry.

Beloved wife of the late Albert Henry (Bert), dearly loved mother of Christine and Russell and mother-in-law of John and the late Alan. Cherished grandmother of Andrea, Martin, Nicola and great grandmother of Ceri, Timothy, Lewis, Aaron, Rowan, Jamie and Ellen.

Doris will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until the funeral on Friday, June 17. Funeral service in the chapel at 2pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry.

Family flowers only. If desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director afterwards for Ty Hafan, The Childrens' Hospice in Wales.

HERBERT
Elizabeth Ann

Peacefully on June 3, at her home in Cowbridge after a long illness, Liz of Eastgate Jewellery, Cowbridge, beloved wife of Colin, dearly loved mother of Sarah, Kate, Matthew and partners Howard and Jon, much loved nana of Izzie, Lily and Evie.

Funeral Monday, June 20, service and cremation 3.15pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3DZ.

GALSWORTHY
Mike

At home on the morning of Sunday, May 22, Mike passed away, beloved husband of Mandy, and loving dad of Alex.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Funeral Directors, Barry, until Mike's funeral on Friday, June 10 at 9am at the Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. You are warmly invited to join the family for refreshments at the Park Hotel, Park Crescent, Barry, after the service.

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Gina, Richard, Nicola, Gareth & Luca xxx

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Seven years may have passed
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Yet the memories you left us,
will always stay in our hearts.
Sleep well dear dad.
Love you always.
Mario, Amanda & Rhianne xxx

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You left a huge void in our hearts
when you fell asleep dear dad and bampy.
We miss the banter and jokes,
but smile at those treasured moments.
All our love, Carmen and Bethan xx

BENNETT
Moya Constance

Peacefully, aged 75 on June 7, following a courageous and dignified battle with illness at Holme Towers, Penarth.

Very much loved wife of Derek, beloved mother to Laura, Elizabeth and Richard, grandmother to Luke, Matthew, Zoe, Oliver and Abigail. Mother-in-law to Gary, Martin and Mandy

Resting at Pidgeons Funeral Directors, Victoria Park, Cardiff, until the funeral service to be held at St. Mary's Church, Wenvoe, on Tuesday, June 14 at 2.30pm, followed by burial.

Family flowers only, donations in lieu to Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth and the George Thomas Hospice, Whitchurch, Cardiff.

MORGAN
Dennis

Passed away peacefully on Friday, May 20, at his home in Cardigan surrounded by his family.

He was a devoted husband of the late Patricia, loving father to Cherryl and Susan, father-in-law to Keith and Boyd and proud grandfather and great grandfather.

His funeral service took place at Parc Gwyn Crematorium Narberth on Friday, May 27.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990, SECTION 257 AND PARAGRAPH 7 OF SCHEDULE 14
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On 25th May 2016 the Vale of Glamorgan Council confirmed the above Order.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert the public footpath running from the western boundary of the new residential development to the adopted highway St John's Hill and create an alternative footpath to a line running from a point on the western boundary of the new residential development to the adopted highway St John's Hill as shown on the Order map.

A copy of the confirmed Order and Order map may be seen free of charge at the Docks Office, Barry Docks, Barry CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at the price of £4.50.

This Order comes into force on 25th May 2016 but if any person aggrieved by the Order desires to question its validity thereof or that of any provision contained therein on the ground that it is not within the powers of the above Act, or on the ground that any requirement of that Act or any regulation made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he or she may apply to the High Court for any of these purposes under section 287 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 within 6 weeks from the date on which notice is first published as required by paragraph 7 of Schedule 14 to that Act.

Dated 9th June 2016

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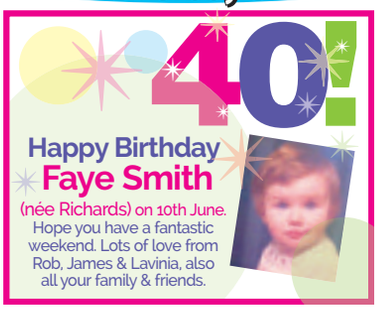
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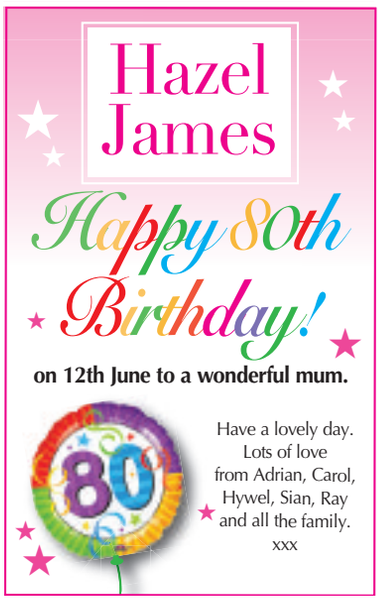
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Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Development that may affect a Conservation Area/
Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2016/00345/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Demolition of existing stone outbuilding and replacement with new stone outbuilding to provide open plan office/play room with adjoining open car port
Location:/Lleoliad: The Old Rectory, Drope Road, Drope, St Georges Super Ely
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth Drope

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2016/00535/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Single storey rear extension, rear roof extension and alteration works
Location:/Lleoliad: 42, Westbourne Road, Penarth
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth Penarth

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2016/00537/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed two storey extension to accommodate kitchen and bedroom
Location:/Lleoliad: Flush Cottage, Flanders Road, Llantwit Major
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth Llantwit Major

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2016/00570/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed detached dwelling retaining field access and public footpath
Location:/Lleoliad: Site at Boverton Road, Boverton
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth Boverton

plication No:/
if y cais: 2016/00596/FUL
oposal:/Cynnig: Construction of part two storey part single storey side extension and two storey rear extension
cation:/Lleoliad: Mardy Cottage, Bridge Road, Llanblethian
nservation Area:/
dal Gadwraeth Llanblethian

plication No:/
if y cais: 2016/00609/FUL
oposal:/Cynnig: Add new air conditioning heat pump system with new indoor wall units and external condensors
cation:/Lleoliad: Tudor Tavern, Church Street, Llantwit Major
nservation Area:/
dal Gadwraeth Llantwit Major

Listed Building Consent/
Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2016/00600/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Internal alterations to existing house, demolition of existing high level garage, construction of new single and two storey extensions and detached garage block. Formation of new vehicle and pedestrian access openings through existing boundary wall, and construction of new driveway
Location:/Lleoliad: Sea Roads, 5, Cliff Parade, Penarth
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/
Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2016/00563/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Internal alterations to existing house, demolition of existing high level garage, construction of new single and two storey extensions and detached garage block. Formation of new vehicle and pedestrian access openings through existing boundary wall, and construction of new driveway
Location:/Lleoliad: Sea Roads, 5, Cliff Parade, Penarth
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Affecting Sea Roads, 5 Cliff Parade, Penarth, Grade II

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2016/00564/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Demolition of existing rear conservatory. New rear extension with habitable attic space linked with detached garage/utility room single storey building.
Location:/Lleoliad: The Gables, Corntown Road, Corntown
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Affecting Ewenny Village Hall, Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest /
Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2016/00551/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Variations of conditions 1, 2, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 24, 26, 27 and 28 of planning permission 2013/00903/FUL to increase the height of the final restoration levels to increase the volume of ash that can be deposited in the former quarry and to vary the associated details to which the conditions refer
Location:/Lleoliad: Aberthaw North Quarry, Castle Road, Aberthaw

May affect a Public Right of Way/
Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2016/00570/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed detached dwelling retaining field access and public footpath
Location:/Lleoliad: Site at Boverton Road, Boverton

Application(s) with Environmental Statement/
Cais (au) gyda Datganiad Amgylcheddol
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8

Proposed development at Aberthaw North Quarry, Castle Road, Aberthaw.

I give notice that Mr. Hugh Morris is applying to The Vale of Glamorgan Council for Planning Permission to Variations of conditions 1, 2, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 24, 26, 27 and 28 of planning permission 2013/00903/FUL to increase the height of the final restoration levels to increase the volume of ash that can be deposited in the former quarry and to vary the associated details to which the conditions refer.

The proposal has been submitted with an environmental statement which can be inspected at the address given below. Members of the public may obtain copies of the environmental statement at a charge from RWE Generation, Trigonos, Windmill Hill Business Park, Whitehill Way, Swindon, SN5 6PB so long as stocks last.
Members of the public may inspect copies of:
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• The plans.
• The environmental statement.
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at the address given below during all reasonable hours until 30 June, 2016.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below by 30 June 2016 quoting reference 2016/00551/FUL.

HYSBYSIAD O DAN ERTHYGL 8

Datblygiad arfaethedig yn Aberthaw North Quarry, Castle Road, Aberthaw

Hysbysir trwy hyn Mr. Hugh Morris n gwneud cais i Gyngor Bro Morgannwg am Ganiatâd Cynllunio ar gyfe Variations of conditions 1, 2, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 24, 26, 27 and 28 of planning permission 2013/00903/FUL to increase the height of the final restoration levels to increase the volume of ash that can be deposited in the former quarry and to vary the associated details to which the conditions refer.

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Dated / Dyddiedig: 9 June, 2016

V. L. Robinson
Operational Manager, Regeneration and Planning,
Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT

It's Cup final heartbreak for Barry thirds

BARRY RFC third XV rounded off their season with an appearance in the Ron Locock Cup final at the Cardiff Arms Park, with Llanishen their opponents.

Managers Frank Greig and Andy Moffat were afforded the luxury of selecting from a large squad, unexpectedly for such an occasion, but they chose to keep faith mostly with the side that won the dramatic semi-final against Caerau four weeks before.

There were welcome returns for Mike Hamonda on the wing and veteran Andrew Prosser on the bench, while Ken Chow was a last-minute replacement after a late withdrawal.

With their opponents looking slick and clearly above third XV level, Barry struggled in the opening exchanges to keep up with the speed of play.

Instead, the green-and-whites utilised their forward power to keep possession, but a lack of ruthlessness saw them come away from the Llanishen 22 empty handed.

Instead Barry indiscipline allowed Llanishen to take the lead with a simple penalty. Barry tried to get back in the game but were forced on the defensive, with Luke O'Sullivan, Marc Devine and Jon Bryant marshalling the line superbly.

However, Llanishen doubled their lead with another penalty, before a chip-and-chase caught Barry off guard to score a converted try.

Worse was to come as after some intense Llanishen pressure, O'Sullivan pounced from the line to intercept a wayward pass, and surely would have raced through to score under the posts, only for the referee to bring him back for an earlier infringement.

From the penalty Llanishen pushed forward and scored yet another try.

Just when all hope seemed lost the Barry juggernaut returned to the fore and the sheer determination and power, with no shortage of skill, saw the green-and-whites bear down on the Llanishen line.

This time there was no let up as Devine crashed over for his first try for the club. Ashley Forrester added the extras.

Barry brought on fresh legs at half-time to try to seize the momentum, and the introduction of Tom Hunt and Rob Williams to the pitch brought almost instant success, as both made hard yards for the team.

The Barry scrum was now completely dominant and following yet another set piece Gerwyn Pugh looked to have scored, only for the official to fail to spot his touch down.

Against the run of play Llanishen scored again as the Barry defence tired to put the game beyond doubt.

With one last throw of the dice Barry emptied their bench, and had the last chance as a cross-kick by Joe McCann was chased down by Adam Lee and Chow, only for the touchline to defeat them.

Despite the defeat this was a tremendous effort by the third XV players who have endured a hard season. This is ample reward for the industry and dedication shown by the squad of players.

Everyone at the club will hope the momentum will be carried onto pre-season which starts in July.

Team: Pugh; Forrester ©, O'Sullivan, Evans, Hamonda; McCann, Dimond; Fortt, Brown, Taylor; Rolfe, Giddings; Chucas, Devine, Bryant. Replacements: Prosser, Hunt, Williams, Lee, Corrigan, Bailey, Chow. Man of the match: Giddings.

Last week's winning lottery numbers were 4, 11, 12 and 17 which failed to produce a winner - this week's prize will increase to £2,100.

KC

Baker stars as Athletic stay on top!

LAST Saturday Barry Athletic first XI travelled to Lisvane, won the toss and batted first.

Nathan Baker was the star of the show with both bat and ball as Barry Athletic posted 221 all out with Baker scoring 78 and Gavin White 61 not out, Waldron 4 for 50 and Hughes 3 for 39 being the best bowlers for Lisvane.

In reply Lisvane were never up with the run rate as the ever-reliable Peter Hellyar, with 2 for 26 from his 10 overs, and Nathan Baker, 6 for 35 (his first five wicket haul) saw Lisvane bowled out for 131, and a 90 run win for Barry.

Barry Athletic second XI entertained Blackwood at the Island and, batting first, compiled a total of 212 for 6 with Brock (62), Dawson (51) and Leake (39) being the main scorers.

In reply Blackwood got to their total for the loss of just one wicket with G Berry (103 not out) and D Windross (84 not out) bringing them home with a nine wicket win.

This Saturday Barry Athletic first XI are at the Athletic Ground against Rogerstone and the second XI are away to the same opposition.

MR

Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON Tuesday, May 31, the Edmondes Arms hosted the Les Parson's Cup.

The Farmers B (H&H) won the cup by defeating the Old Post Ladies 4-0, however the result does not reflect how close some of the games were.

On Saturday June 11, the 2015-2016 season will come to a close when the Six Bells Inn hosts the finals and presentation night. Doors open at 7pm and matches will start at 7.30pm.

In the ladies' doubles final Joan Smith, Pam Adams and/or Maureen Fleming (Farmers Arms) will play Hilarie Coles and Joan Burt (Old Post Ladies) while in the men's doubles final Martin Thomas and Paul Butcher (Edmondes 'B') will play Paul Cates and Luke Woolf (Highwayman Inn).

In the ladies' singles final Mickey Wilcox (Old Post Ladies) will play Joan Burt (Old Post Ladies). The evening will conclude with the men's singles final in which Paul Butcher (Edmondes 'B') plays Nigel Thomas (Farmers Arms).

For further information, please e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

PJT

FAB MINIBIKES SET TO RACE AT LLANDOW

SUPERBIKE rider Filip Backlund, Supersport rider Andy Reid and F1 sidecar team Ricky Stevens and Ryan Charlwood are all headed to the Cool FAB Racing British Minibikes Championship in Llandow, Wales, this weekend.

Andy Reid, who is currently leading the SuperSport championship, will be attending the Cool FAB Racing British Minibikes Championship for the first time and will be advising the young riders trackside alongside his Quattro Plant Cool Kawasaki team mates.

Andy said: "I am really looking forward to my first experience of the Cool FAB Racing series. It's going to be fun watching all the young riders race as I have heard great things about the talent coming through the series. It will be good to chat with the riders and their parents and hopefully I will be able to pass on some tips to help them develop their skills."

Because of this announcement, the number of riders expected over the weekend are higher than usual, so organisers advise booking your place early to avoid missing out.

For more information on the series, or to enter round four of the 2016 Cool FAB Racing British Championship at Llandow, please visit: www.coolfabracing.com.

SF

GOOD START FOR ROMILLY BOWLERS

ROMILLY Bowls Club resumed their competitive season on Saturday with a home game against newly-promoted Llantrisant.

Having qualified for the knockout stages of the Carruthers Shield, Romilly were now looking forward to a good start in defending the CML first division title won in fine style last season.

On a fine afternoon for bowling, the game commenced with both sides struggling to gain the early initiative but by the fifth end Romilly held a slender one shot advantage, 18-17.

As the game progressed the 'Rom' began to find their form and by the end of the 10th end had poached an 18 shot lead with the rinks of Graham Cogbill, Brian Foscolo and Jeff Wright holding advantages and Fred Phillips' rink down by four leaving the score at halfway, 46 – 28.

With their confidence now flowing, the rink of Gary Eastment, Andrew Hatcher, Mike Doyle and Cogbill had increased their advantage by 21-5 at end 15, while the rink of Alan Bryan, Roger Jones, Clive Collins and Wright had cruised into a 24-11 lead against a rink skipped by Welsh international Mark Harding.

At the same stage, Foscolo's rink, led by Paul Williams, Terry Bloomfield and Mel Newman, were holding a four shot lead but Phillips' rink was still struggling, down by 11 shots.

As the game drew to its conclusion Foscolo's rink maintained their four shot advantage and Phillips' rink were still 10 shots behind.

Cogbill's rink, playing superbly, ran out easy winners, 27-10, with Wright's rink, also playing brilliantly, ending up winning 32-16.

With three winning rinks, Romilly took 12 of the 14 points to give them a good start to their league season. Final score: Romilly 96, Llantrisant 64.

This Saturday the league continues with Romilly visiting Senghenydd, another newly-promoted team.

FP

Barry and District United Clubs end of season honours

RESULTS for the Barry and District United Clubs league for 2015-16 are as follows:

Skittles Division 1: League winners – Sea View B; League runners-up – West End D; Highest roll – 37 A Bryan (Rhoose Social B) and G Evans (Sea View B); Team cup winners – Sea View B; Team cup runners-up – West End C; Away 9s winners – West End D; Stats winner – K Pycroft (Sea View B); Stats runner-up: D Haslett (Rhoose Social A).

Crib Division 1: League winners – Rhoose Social; League runners-up – Wyndham Cons; Highest hands – 24 (x3) J Heathfield (West End); Team cup winners – Wyndham Cons; Team cup runners-up – Cadoxton Cons; Pairs winners – K Harkus and M Grant (Moors Boys); Pairs runners-up – J Heathfield and M Watts (West End); Stats winner – C Dally (Rhoose Social); Stats runner-up – J Thomas (Liberals).

Snooker Division 1: League winners – Savoy A; League runners-up – Harbour B; Highest home break – 94 S Thomas (Savoy A); Highest away break – 81 M Bennett (Savoy A); Team cup winners – Savoy A; Team cup runners-up – Wyndham Cons A; Singles winner – R Rowlands (Savoy A); Singles runner-up – C Champ (Cadoxton Cons A); Doubles winners – C Hellinger and J Wyre (West End C); Doubles runners-up – M Zeraschi and T Vedmore (Harbour B); Three-a-side winners: A Morgan, M Bennett, W Borde, M Johns (Savoy A); Three-a-side runners-up – A Wood, G Wood, N Kerslake, J Velda (Cadoxton Cons B); Stats winner: M Bennett (Savoy A); Stats runner-up – S Thomas (Savoy A).

Snooker Division 2: League winners – Services Social A; League runners-up – Liberators, Penarth Cons A; Highest home break – 41 N Ali (Penarth Cons A); Highest away break – 56 L Jones (Liberators); Team cup winners – Penarth Cons A; Team cup runners-up – Savoy B; Singles winner – J Marsh (Penarth Cons A); Singles runner-up – C Harding (Cadoxton Cons A); Doubles winners – C Lane and G Bailey (Savoy B); Doubles runners-up – J Marsh and N Ali (Penarth Cons A); Three-a-side winners – D Woodfin, M Brown, G Long (Wyndham Cons C); Three-a-side runners-up – C Lane, A Colombo, N Blackwell, G Bailey (Savoy B); Stats winner – A Cook (Market Street B); Stats runner-up – N Ali (Penarth Cons A).

Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for June 5:

1st = Mike Best and Kevin Maddox, and Tony Disley and Simon Richards 62.73%, 3rd Sue Norris and Su Summerhayes 61.14%.

LE

Lydia helps out junior golfers

ON Tuesday, May 31, St Athan Golf Club junior section was given the fantastic opportunity of having a morning's coaching session delivered by golf professional and ladies European tour player, Lydia Hall.

Lydia, who is now Golf Development Wales' ambassador for women and girls golf, is studying for her PGA qualification and teaches at Hensol Golf Academy.

St Athan's junior section contacted Lydia to see if she would be available to support the juniors during the school holidays.

With delight, Lydia obliged and came down to the club where she coached a total of 14 juniors (of varying abilities) and organised fun games for them to compete against each other.

Craig Sherman, lead junior organiser said: "We were absolutely thrilled when Lydia agreed to come along to the club and provide a coaching session for our junior section.

"It was a glorious day and from the feedback I have received the juniors enjoyed it enormously – they enhanced their skills and Lydia provided them each with plenty of tips to aid their game"

Following the coaching, all the juniors were treated to a two course meal back at the clubhouse. St Athan Golf Club is hoping to continue working with Lydia as and when her busy schedule allows her in the future.

If you would like more information on St Athan Golf Club, please contact the junior administrator, Rachael, on 07789 222561.

Two games for Barry Central

THE past week has seen the club returning to the normal format of two games per week.

On Wednesday evening the Central team played against Cadoxton in the Munroe Cup. This competition does allow a club with two teams to field quite a strong cross section of players, and this turned out to be the case on Wednesday.

The Central rinks struggled from the outset, with the match result being a very good win for Cadoxton.

Match result: J. Wathes 11-34; K. Tanner 10-22; T. Goddard 7-23; D. Goddard 11-24. Final score: Central 39, Cadoxton 103.

On Saturday, the Central played a friendly match against Rumney A at Gladstone Gardens.

This was the first occasion for the Central team to play against a team made up of players of generally the same standards as themselves.

The weather helped to make the match an afternoon when bowling was the winner - especially for the Central team!

Match result: J. Wathes 28-31; K. Tanner 15-15; T. Goddard 24-13; D. Goddard 24-11. Final score: Central 91, Rumney 70.

Hopefully, this result will auger well for the team's matches in the Cardiff Municipal League.

BC

Youth manager wanted

DINAS POWYS FC are looking for a new youth team manager to manage the under-18s team that play in the South Wales Youth League.

Any expressions of interest should be sent via email to Richie.garland@outlook.com.

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DRAGON BOAT REGATTA RAISES FUNDS FOR LOCAL CHARITIES











ON a warm and sunny bank holiday Saturday, May 28, crowds clapped and cheered watching the dragon boat races as the Rotary Club of Barry held their new charity fundraising event – A Dragon Boat Regatta – in Cosmeston Park to raise money for local charities.

The successful event was professionally run with full safety support. Rowers, some in fancy dress, sat side by side in long canoes, with a helm to steer and a drummer sitting up front beating out the rhythm.

Overall winners were the team from Barry & District Spartans, runners-up were from Leisuretime; third place went to CAVC Glamorgan Suite Supervisors and Old Plymothians were placed fourth.

Paul Halstead, president of Barry Rotary Club, said: "We were delighted with our first Dragon Boat Regatta and thank everyone involved. It was enjoyed by all who took part and all who came to watch. Already we have had enquiries for another event next year and welcome any expressions of interest from others who may wish to take part."

On Wednesday, June 8, the club will support Rotary Kids Out when underprivileged children will be taken on a day out to Brean Sands Leisure Park and will also be holding a charity duck race in Llancarfan on Thursday, June 16.

Further information on Rotary can be obtained from club secretary Phil Hunt on 01446 720000.

JO

FOOTBALL FEVER HITS!

OVER May half term, Euro 2016 football fever was in the air at the Vale Sports Arena and Principality Stadium – to celebrate Wales' qualification for Euro 2016.

Premier league giants Everton FC also held a soccer camp coaching and developing local children at the Vale Sports Arena, in partnership with PG10 Coaching.

To celebrate Wales' qualification the soccer camp involved a day of football and then a day at the Principality Stadium, experiencing the VIP section of the stadium, going pitchside into the changing rooms.

The Vale Sports Arena have a fanzone at the arena for every Wales Euro 2016 match – for information email petegriff10@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.pg10coaching.co.uk. ***PG***

Millwood start league season with a win

MILLWOOD welcomed the Murch to the club on Saturday in the Division 4 opener of the 2016 season.

The weather was perfect and the green in excellent shape for this opening game.

Millwood got off to a good start on all four rinks and after 10 ends had built up a solid lead of 54–18.

This position was not to be threatened over the remaining ends of the match, with Millwood running out comfortable winners, 106-53, to claim all 14 points on offer in the match.

Full credit must be given to the Murch for fulfilling this fixture as they had great difficulty fielding two teams this week and unfortunately, the A team fixture between the clubs had to be cancelled because Murch lacked sufficient players.

The game was played in the usual good-spirited way between the clubs and the return fixture is looked forward to by both teams.

After such an encouraging start, all members are asked to make thmselves available for as many matches as possible in the coming weeks. **BH**

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Vale horses in fine form by BRIAN LEE

HORSES trained in the Vale of Glamorgan won three of the four races that were open to them at the Pembrokeshire Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Trecoed, which saw the end of the Welsh season.

In the closest finish of the day, *Mad Money* – trained by Jonathan Tudor at Merthyr Mawr, and owned by Bonvilston farmer Tudor Harris and Elizabeth Egerton, secretary of the South Wales and Monmouthshire point-to-point area – won by half a length from *Welsh Designe* (Matthew Barber) after making most of the running under Richard Patrick.

Jonathan Tudor was saddling his 10th winner of the season and Mrs Egerton said: "We have had a lot of fun with this horse and I am glad he won today as it took me four hours to get here."

Mr Harris added: "The journey home tonight will not be so long after this win."

The Pembrokeshire Hunt Mixed Open over four miles went to Alan Rhead's nine-year-old brown gelding *BoyFromNowhere,* a former inmate of National Hunt trainer Rebecca Curtis's yard.

BoyFromNowhere, who led his eight rivals a merry gallop throughout most of the race, won by six lengths from the prolific *Rosies Peacock* (John Mathias) who was saddled with a 12lb penalty.

Winning jockey Richard Patrick who was riding his second double of the season said: "I just let the horse do his own thing. After all, he's got more experience than me so I left him to it."

Jody Hughes, the only female rider in the race, riding *Lamboro Lad* finished third.

BoyFromNoWhere, who may now go back under Rules, was the 17th winner of the season for his trainer, former rugby league player Gareth Moore of Pyle near Bridgend. Apparently, Gareth has also saddled nine seconds and seven thirds from just 38 runners!

The third trainer from the Vale to saddle a winner was Cowbridge's Robert Llewellyn who took the Intermediate race with the promising six-year-old bay gelding *Ride On Time* which, under Bradley Gibbs, scored by two lengths from *Princess Tina* (John Mathias).

Owned by the RGL Racing Partnership, *Ride On Time* who is by *Presenting*, will be aimed at the Dunraven Bowl Novices' Hunter Chase at Chepstow next year.

The opening members' race was won by the 12-year-old *Macarthur* ridden by Charlotte Evans who was riding her fourth winner of the season. Charlotte took up the running two fences from the finish to win by eight lengths from *Hunky Dorey* (Richard Patrick). *Macarthur*'s owner, Dai Rees, said that this former Royal Ascot group two winner will now go hurdling under rules.

The longest priced winner of the day was Gareth Morgan's *Askgarmor,* a 16-1 chance which won the open maiden race under the talented Jodie Hughes. Around eight of the 13 runners were still in with a chance at the final fence and Jodie, taking her mount wide of the others, went on to snatch victory by a length from the North Cotswold invader *Lake Balaton* (Alex Edwards) with *Which Sky* (Mark Robinson) a further half length away in third spot.

Askgarmor, at just four years old, was the youngest horse in the race. The favourite *OverToUJay* (Matthew Barber) was a first fence casualty.

The Pembrokeshire Crisps Mixed Scurry was won by Sarah Jones on her *Quicksilver,* which at 15 was the oldest horse in the race.

Daniel Ellis (11) won the 138cms pony race on *Tealson Topic* and James Bown (15), riding his *Cudlic Verona* beat his old rival *Captain Hurricane* ridden by Jessica Llewellyn, (13) in the 148cms pony race.

On a personal note, my thanks to Vernon Beynon, chairman of the west Wales area for presenting me with a walking stick which he had made himself, and which had collected a number of prizes at various agricultural shows; and to Beverley Thomas, the west Wales area secretary for the bottle of Welsh whisky in thanks for my reporting on the Welsh hunt racing scene these past 50 years.

Lifeguards' Surf Ski Race...
Paddling to success!







THIRTY paddlers competed in the 37th running of the Rhoose Lifeguards Surf Ski Race recently hosted by Rhoose Lifeguards.

Another year with variable conditions – early unexpected calmer weather led to the 'normal' full course being set up with a loop between Rhoose Beach and Pleasent Harbour/Power Station.

But as race time approached, the forecast southerly wind picked up and set the sea into messy side-on waves will little help for the competitors.

Congratulations to all those that took part, and thanks to all those who helped to organise the event and provided the BBQ, drinks and cakes. Special thanks also to the SLSA Wales IRB crews for safety cover.

The results were as follows:

Under-16 Boys - 4km race Jason Grice - Rhoose, Declan Ewington - Rhoose, James Hamer - Rhoose. Under-16 Girls - 4km race Millie Wiggins - Rhoose, Ellie Peterson - Rhoose, Brooke Peterson - Rhoose. Under-19 Girls - 6.5km race Kelsea Peterson - Rhoose. Under-19 Boys - 6.5km race Alex Parry - Rhoose, Will Parker - Rhoose.

Open Men - 9km race Sam Moore - Sker, Lloyd Rosewell - Pen-y-bont.





Masters men - 6.5km race Craig Robinson - Pen-y-bont, Stuart Sherman - Woolacoombe, Mike Childs - Sker. Masters ladies - 6.5km race Karen Harris - Rhoose. Open double - 6.5km race Sarah Bryant & Steve Baker - Rhoose, Paul & Rhys Gardner - Rhoose. **JF**



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'Mettre sur le football' as Euro 2016 begins!

by GARETH JAMIESON

FORGET 'Brexit'... the real debate is who is going to win Euro 2016!

While the issue of 'in or out' is grabbing headlines, all eyes will be on Europe for a slightly different reason come June 10, as the 2016 European Championships kick off in Paris.

The tournament is the first since the number of teams in the tournament has risen from 16 to 24; the question is whether the championships resemble this season's Premier League, as the normal order is disturbed, or will the usual suspects be in the running to lift the trophy come July 10 in the Stade de France.

There are six groups of four teams, with the top two teams of each group and the four best third-placed teams qualifying for the knockout stages, and while British eyes will be focused on the interests of the home nations (apart from Scotland, who failed to qualify), there are plenty of intriguing match-ups elsewhere.

Group A sees the French hosts matched up against Romania, Albania and Switzerland; France should ease through this group, having impressed in their build-up for the tournament – however, cast your mind back to the 2002 World Cup where, as the holders, they failed to make it out of a group consisting of Denmark, Uruguay and Senegal.

That should mean there is a chase for second place, one that should be between Switzerland and the quietly-impressive Albania – perhaps the latter may just have a little too much street smarts for the Swiss.

Group B is the one that has most of Britain salivating, as England and Wales battle it out with Russia and Slovakia for qualification. Given the opportunities for third-placed teams, there is no reason why both home nations shouldn't make it out of the group, but their eastern European rivals certainly won't make it easy for them.

England will be the favourites, but their notorious slow starts at tournaments could play into the other teams' hands, while Wales, spearheaded by Gareth Bale, will want to start the tournament against Slovakia with a bang if they are to finish in the automatic qualification spots.

In Group C, World Cup holders Germany face Ukraine, Poland and Northern Ireland in what is, for the Irish, perhaps the worst group they could have found themselves in. Both Germany and Poland will be jockeying for top spot, and with Ukraine being no pushovers themselves, it is unlikely that Northern Ireland will find themselves in action after the conclusion of the group stage – but stranger things have happened!

Group D sees the current European champions Spain go up against the Czech Republic, Turkey and Croatia in what could be described generously as a group of death. While on paper Spain should prosper, they are not the side that won this tournament four years ago and the other three teams will fancy their chances against the waning Spaniards.

Turkey have been on a fine run of form of late, their friendly defeat against England their first loss in 18 months, as have Croatia, while the Czech Republic, probably the weakest team in the group on paper, are more than capable of upping their game.

Group E sees the tasty proposition of Belgium and Italy going up against each other, with Republic of Ireland and Sweden making up the rest of the group. While the former teams should negotiate the group stage with ease, the latter teams will certainly not give them a free pass; Martin O'Neill's Republic will provide tricky opposition while the Zlatan Ibrahimovich-led Swedes might not pull up any trees, but, with the self-proclaimed 'king' (and possible future Manchester United player) leading the line, could spring a surprise or two.

Last, but not least, Group F comprises of Portugal, Iceland, Austria and Hungary, with the Ronaldo-powered Portugese favourites – but only just. Iceland made it out of their group by pipping the Netherlands, and as such have the guile (and the skills of Swansea's Gylfi Sigurdsson) to cause problems; Austria topped their qualifying group and shouldn't be discounted, while Hungary are ending their 44 year wait to compete in the Euros. They may be the poor relation in the group, but could have a say in who makes it into the knockout stage.

So an exciting tournament is ahead, and it all begins on June 10 at St-Denis as France take on Romania.

Predictions? Expect the winner to be one of Germany, Italy, France or Belgium and (in home interests) Wales and England to make it out of the group stage – now 'mettre sur le football'!

Boules club start their new season



LLANMAES held its opening boules match on Wednesday, June 1, at St Cattwg's Village Hall in the village.

On hand was the ever-present cocker spaniel, Meg, who is usually in attendance and acts as the Llanmaes team mascot.

The opening match between the village and representatives of Barry Grammar School Old Boys ended as a draw but was nevertheless celebrated with a glass of wine afterwards.

"Llanmaes Boules is open to all irrespective of age or sex," said Tim Fowler, the boules organiser.

"We normally play on a Tuesday and Friday at 6pm. There is no fee and equipment and coaching is provided," he added.

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Pupils enjoy hockey festival

ONE hundred and fifty eight pupils from nine primary schools across the Vale, have taken part in the primary school hockey festivals held in Barry and Cowbridge.

Organised by Hockey Wales in partnership with Vale Council Sports Development team, the festivals forms part of the Dragon Sport programme.

Pupils from Romilly Primary School, Sully Primary School, Y Bont-faen Primary School and Ysgol Sant Baruc gathered at Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School to take part in a series of seven-a-side hockey matches with no goalkeepers, which made for some very open games.

Y Bont-faen was the overall dominant force, with their teams winning both festivals.

Dragon Sport is a Sport Wales scheme administered locally by the Vale Council's Sports Development team. It forms part of the Active Young People programme and aims to increase the number of seven-11 year olds participating in sport.

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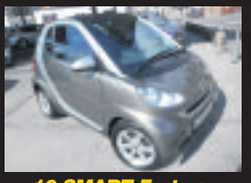


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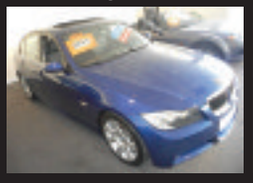
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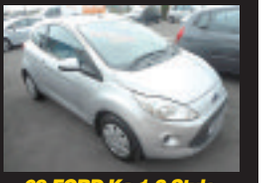
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Encouraging performance from Vale CC second team

VALE Cricket Club second XI put in an encouraging performance in their away defeat to Brecon by 57 runs last Saturday.

Despite the vast gap in experience between the two teams, the performance of a number of Vale's youngsters stood out.

After being asked to bat by Vale's skipper Carl Brooks, the home team were bowled out for 214.

Outstanding bowling by both Idris (2-30) and Gethin (1-25), Merry - who both play for Vale's under-15s - meant that Brecon never really dominated.

A good knock by the experienced Kenchington (58) ensured a par score. Late wickets came to Mark Francis (3-40) and debutant Greg Andrews (2-37).

A near-flawless fielding performance featured tireless work from two other under-15s, Jac Burne and Ollie Piper, and 12th man Sunil More, who came on to replace injured Kevin Jones, chipped in with an excellent run out and catch.

After tea, Vale lost the early wicket of Huw James for 15, then Brooks (24) and Francis (25) came together in a productive and entertaining partnership of 46.

Both departed either side of drinks to shots they would rather forget. After Andrews chipped in with a useful 10, the under-15s played really well to get additional batting points.

Gethin Merry (13), Burne (7) and Idris Merry (10) all played good cricket shots, and a final flourish from Joe Merry (7) saw Vale to 157 all out.

Vale seconds entertain Machen this Saturday and will hope to build on this promising performance. **CB**

SWIM SAFE COMES TO BARRY ISLAND



SWIM SAFE, the free outdoor swimming and water safety programme for children, will be coming to Whitmore Bay, Barry Island, this summer.

The programme will run on the beach between July 28-29 and August 12-14.

The programme is a partnership between Swim Wales, the Amateur Swimming Association and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Parents can book their children onto a Swim Safe session at www.Swimming.org/SwimSafe or come along on the day.

Bad week for bowlers

LLANTWIT MAJOR bowlers' Triples League game was postponed on Thursday out of respect for the death and funeral of respected A team regular, Richie Gray.

On Saturday, Ynysybwl were the visitors to Llantwit with ideal bowling conditions. We all enjoyed a very competitive game with the result going in favour of the visitors by just 1.5 shots.

On Tuesday, Llantwit were six players short of the required 16 players, but thanks to Ian Williamson spending time on the phone asking people to play, John Moison, a very new player, and Derek Lancaster, due to ill health and other commitments, played his first game for over a year.

Derek, although a accomplished front end player, due to circumstances had to play third to Graham Snowdon, ably supported by Geoff Timms and Ambrose Horgan.

Graham's rink kept it close for four ends then dropped a four to go 6-2 down but fought back to 8-7 in arrears.

They then dropped a five and a one and a two on the next three ends, but the five remained the difference after the 21 ends, finishing 17-23.

Keith Alexander's four kept the game tight with only 30 shots scored on the 21 ends; after trailing 9-0 after six ends, they recovered somewhat to be in arrears by just five shots.

By the following end they were holding a six, but the Ynysybwl skip played an excellent bowl to retrieve the situation, dropping just one shot.

Keith with John Moison, Paul Brown and John Ball went down by four shots 13-17.

The fightback of the day was achieved by Pat Twomey's four of Ian Williamson, Lyn Fry and Dave Thomas; after being 10-1 down, they fought all the way to end the game just two shots in deficit, 19-21.

However, Llantwit's only winning rink of Andy Vincent, Ken Williams, John Nixon and Mike Harmon almost salvaged the game for Llantwit, winning by 10.5 shots, 21-10 .5.

All members are asked to put their names down on the selection sheets for the forthcoming games. **WJB**

Darts league holds its presentation evening...

THE Llantwit Major & District darts league recently held its 51st presentation.

Congratulations to the following recipients. 'A' league winners Wenvoe Arms, runners-up Kings Head A1. 'C' league winners Lamb & Flag C1, runners-up Lamb & Flag C2.

Ladies singles winner Tanya Daw, runner-up Sheryn Islip; ladies pairs winners Tanya Daw & Donna Ward, runners-up Ellen Martin & Carol Davies.

Ladies 3s winners Shoes St Athan C, runners-up Kings Head C1. Gents singles winner Peter Evans, runner-up Adam Rourke.

Gents pairs winners Steve Davie & Dai Sawyer, runners-up Brain Daniel & Simon Greenfield. Gents 3s winners Wenvoe Arms, runners-up Fox & Hounds.

Mixed pairs winners Allan Morgan & Becky Evans, runners-up Steve Davie & Tanya Daw. Alec McGaw winners Golden Cups, runners-up Wenvoe Arms.

The Cennydd Traherne winners Rugby Club A2, runners-up Kings Head C1.

Eddie Meredith winners Wenvoe Arms, runners-up Shoes,



MEURIG MORGAN

Peterston; champion of champions Wenvoe Arms.

A very enjoyable night was had by all; we would like to thank Councillor Gwyn John for presenting our trophies, it ws very much appreciated.

Thanks once again to the Llantwit Major Rugby Club, and all its staff, who have been terrific hosts over the years.

Finally we said a fond farewell to Meurig Morgan who stood down as secretary after 24 years of dedicated service to the LMDDL.

Thanks to everybody who played in the LMDDL this season, the summer league is now underway with the winter league starting on the first Monday in September. **DMC**

Dinas Powys Golf Club: ladies' results

ON May 3, an 18-hole medal 2 was held:

1st Vicki Ellison 98 – 29 = 69, 2nd Carolyn Jones 84 – 13 = 71, 3rd Annie Blackburn 94 – 21 = 73.

On May 3, a nine hole stableford: 1st Gwyneth Attwood, 2nd Terry Unwin, 3rd Kit Roblin.

On May 10, 18 hole Peugeot foursomes stableford: 1st Angela Brown & Carole Reeves 34 pts, 2nd Maxine Hird & Lisa Ryley 32 pts, 3rd Sian Smith & Dorothy Amery 25 pts on back nine from Ruth Yates & Annie Blackburn (25).

On May 17, 18 championship qualifier gross: 1st Lisa Ryley 87 gross, 2nd Annie Blackburn 89 gross, on back nine from 3rd Sue Bridle 89 gross.

On May 17, 18 hole R.H.Seel Cup qualifier medal: 1st Annie Blackburn 89 – 21 = 68, 2nd Audrey Harwood 93 – 24 = 69 on back nine from Sian Smith and Dorothy Amery.

On May 17, nine hole stableford: 1st Chris Nelms 17 pts on back six from 2nd Terry Unwin 17 pts, 3rd Pam Warne 13 pts.

On May 24, 18 hole medal 4: 1st Sian Smith 89 – 22 = 67, 2nd Audrey Harwood 95 – 24 = 71, 3rd Annie Blackburn 97 – 21 = 76.

On May 24, nine hole stableford: 1st Angela Thomas, 2nd Terry Unwin, 3rd Pam Warne.

On May 31, an 18 hole Golf Foundation brooch medal: 1st Sue Bridle 93 – 18 = 75, 2nd Dorothy Amery 101 – 26 = 75, 3rd Sian Smith 97 – 21 = 76.

On May 31, a nine hole stableford: 1st Angela Thomas, 2nd Terry Unwin, 3rd Pam Warne. ***RY***

BRYNHILL LADIES RESULTS ROUND-UP

MAY 3, Bob Hope rose bowls, silver winner Gemma Evans 32pts; runner-up Julie Harkin 27 pts; bronze winner Liz Brown 35 pts, runner-up Margaret Codd 31 pts.

May 10, Australian spoons pairs competition - winners Liz Brown & Claire Herbert 32 pts, runners-up Robbie Lee & Margaret Codd 30 pts.

May 17, ladies captains prize - silver winner Sam Pascoe 36 pts, bronze winner Jane Phillips 34 pts.

May 24, John Collins Cup - winner Gemma Evans 72 pts, runner-up Claire Downton 74 pts

May 31, Holland & Tattersall Cup - winner Gemma Evans 36pts, runner-up Margaret Codd 32 pts. **ET**

Hogan's haul helps Glamorgan to victory

A four-wicket haul for Michael Hogan and Dale Steyn's first three wickets for Glamorgan allowed their team to set up a simple victory against visitors, Hampshire.

Dismissed for just 141 off 18.3 overs, the Hampshire total was chased down by Glamorgan with relative ease. A second successive T20 50 from Aneurin Donald allowed Glamorgan to reach the victory target with 23 balls remaining as a lively Cardiff crowd cheered their side home.

Having bowled just one over in Wednesday's defeat to Essex, Hogan was the pick of the Glamorgan bowlers as the Hampshire batsmen struggled to get him away.

Steyn returned at the end of the Hampshire innings to claim the wickets of Gareth Berg, Gareth Andrew and Tino Best but it was Hogan that ripped the heart of the visitor's batting.

Coming on first change he dismissed both openers, including the dangerous James Vince who looked well set when he was bowled by Hogan for 27 (23).

The Hampshire total could have been a lot less if not for the late order hitting of Pakistani superstar, Shahid Afridi. Coming to the crease with his 93-5 in the 13th over, Afridi made 32 from 20 balls before he too fell Hogan, well caught at long off by Colin Ingram.

The top scorer in the Hampshire innings was Adam Wheater who offered some stability after the big names at the top of the order failed. His innings of 39 off 26 balls looked like it was going to be the base around which a competitive total could be built but when he was stumped off the bowling of Dean Cosker it left too much for the lower order to do.

Hampshire would have been hopeful of mounting a defence of this total when they reduced Glamorgan to 9-2 in 2.1 overs.

Despite the loss of both David Lloyd and Jacques Rudolph the Welsh county did not slow up. Having made his first T20 half-century against Essex on Wednesday, Donald made it two in two with 55 runs from 27 balls.

He was lucky to make it that far; he top-edged a ball from Tino Best that landed between three fielders and then he hit the same bowler straight to Darren Sammy at mid-wicket when on 34 and the West Indies T20 captain dropped an easy chance.

Donald shared an excellent stand with Colin Ingram worth 94 runs from just 54 balls which finished the game as a content. Ingram departed soon after Donald to leave two new batsmen at the crease, but by then the required rate was down to just over four an over.

Even the loss of Graham Wagg for just two runs was not enough for Hampshire to claw their way back into the contest, with Chris Cooke seeing the home side the victory.

Speaking after the game both Ingram and Donald were keen to praise the bowlers but were pleased with their stand.

"It was a quality crowd in tonight and at stages of the game we really stepped it up tonight," Ingram said. "The back end couple of overs Dale and Hogan really turned it on and there was a great partnership between myself and Aneurin. That was just two periods that really changed the game for us tonight."

"I hit them really well from the start," Donald added. "It is always nice to get off to a flyer, it takes the pressure off yourself a little bit.

"We did really well to restrict them to what we did. Especially Michael, and it was really great to see Dale on the board as well," he added. **PETER MILLER**

Penarth take revenge on Llantwit bowlers

LLANTWIT MAJOR mens bowlers travelled to Penarth Rectory Road for their Wednesday Munro Cup game; after beating them on the previous Saturday in a friendly game Penarth took revenge winning on all rinks, 83-39.

Steve Booker's rink could not find their touch with the Penarth side playing on top form winning all but five ends.

Graham Jones' rink had a real battle being four shots down after five ends LLantwit then won the next three ends to be only one shot adrift. Penarth then won a few ends to be five up on the 12th end but Llantwit came back on the final few ends to lose by just one shot.

Neville Young's rink took the lead on the second end then lost it the next end before scoring a five on the eighth end to regain the lead. Penarth then took over winning by nine shots.

Charles Hiscock's rink had a nightmare of a match winning only one end up to the 14th end they then scored five shots over two ends to reduce the deficit to a reasonable number.

On Saturday Llantwit played their first league match against Gelligaled Ystrad. This is the first time that Llantwit had played on their green which is an artificial one it was not to Llantwit's liking, losing 84-65.

Charles Hiscock's rink matched their opponents in the early stages of the game, taking a four shot lead after seven ends.

Llantwit then failed to score for nine ends before winning four of the final five ends to lose by seven shots.

Graham Jones' rink had a poor start, losing the first six ends. Llantwit then came more into the game winning nine of the final ends to reduce the deficit.

Steve Booker's rink also took time to adapt to the artificial green, being seven shots in arrears after 10 ends; they improved marginally after that to lose by only eight shots.

Neville Young's rink of D Mutlow, T.Thomas and A.Woods quickly attuned to the green with all players performing well. Although they were behind after six ends they were well in contention, taking the lead on the seventh end, a lead they held for the rest of the match to win by 11 shots. **NY**

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Swedish loss not the best warm-up...
but the real test starts on Saturday!

IT seemed almost kismet that Wales should end their warm-up for the European Championships in Sweden, the same country where, 58 years previously, they had given such a good account of themselves before, sans John Charles, being beaten by a Pele goal as Brazil marched towards their first World Cup triumph.

The ensuing 58 years have been far kinder to the Brazilians than to Wales (a history that requires no delving into), but with Wales seemingly having turned a corner, there is no reason to believe that the future for Chris Coleman's men is as bright as the yellow shirts worn by their opposition all those years ago.

It was another kind of yellow that provided the opposition on Sunday, that of Sweden, led by the indomitable Zlatan Ibrahimovich. Having also qualified for the Euros, the main pull of this game (where the emphasis would be on avoiding injuries) was the possibility of Zlatan facing off against Gareth Bale, two titans of the game who arguably have lifted their respective teams to the successes that they have achieved recently. As it turned out, the much-vaunted match-up failed to come to pass, Ibrahimovich substituted before Bale came on for Wales.

By this stage, however, the match was seemingly gone, the Swedes 2-0 up against a Welsh team who had spent the majority of the game on the back foot. Bale's entrance into the fray immediately seemed to boost Welsh confidence, and unsurprisingly the team looked a far greater threat with the Real Madrid forward orchestrating the attacks.

A late goal for Sweden gave a final scoreline of 3-0, however, giving Welsh manager Chris Coleman plenty to ponder in advance of the first serious

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game for Wales as they face the test of Slovakia in Bordeaux on Saturday.

The Slovaks will be buoyed somewhat by the performance that Wales delivered in the opening hour at the Friends Arena, though will need no reminding that a Bale-led Welsh, in the full thrust of competitive football, will put in a much more intense shift than they did in this encounter.

The warning signs were there early on, the clock barely registering a minute before Sweden got their first shot on target, and it was a performance that tested Wales' first choice rearguard immensely, the influential Ibrahimovich keeping James Chester busy.

Coleman will want to cut out the little mistakes in the build-up that cost Wales the goals, but will feel that his backline coped fairly well with the Swedish attack (albeit on the back of a 3-0 loss). What was clearly on show, and something that has been the case since Wales qualified for the European Championships, is that without Bale leading the line, the attack looks toothless and blunt.

It was a hard shift with little reward for Sam Vokes, ploughing a furrow on his own in what seemed like a 5-4-1 formation, while the likes of Johnny Williams, Andy King, David Vaughn and Aaron Ramsey worked hard but failed to make much headway.

It wasn't until Bale was introduced that there was a cohesion to the Wales attack, and at that stage goals from the very-impressive Emil Forsberg and Mikael Lustig had put Sweden out of touch. That said, Bale was lively, always looking to go forward, and provided Wales with a much-needed burst of energy after a disjointed and lacklustre period to the game.

While it was a game to get the rustiness out of the legs rather than a meaningful encounter, it's still worth noting that this was a defeat, and for Wales it is now no wins in the four games since beating Andorra 2-0 in the final qualifying game. That these four games have seen Wales short of not just Bale, but Hal Robson-Kanu and other first-choice players offers some mitigating circumstances, but also reaffirms the fact that we are lacking strength-in-depth.

Still, there is no reason for feeling downhearted (and certainly no reason for message board warriors to call for the sacking of Chris Coleman) – the games since qualification have been a learning curve and a chance for the younger players to get game time and give Coleman options for the future.

The real tests will come thick and fast, starting in Bordeaux on Saturday evening; a win there will soon see this result forgotten - and set Wales up for the test of England on the front foot.

Pyle & Kenfig awarded new GDW accreditation

PYLE & Kenfig Golf Club has become the first in Wales to be awarded the new and improved version of Golf Development Wales' (GDW) Junior GolfCert accreditation.

The club were awarded the official accreditation by Golf Development Wales director of development Hannah McAllister ahead of a hugely successful girls' golf clinic at the club.

A new version of the scheme was introduced by Golf Development Wales, the development arm of the Golf Union of Wales, this year and Pyle & Kenfig Golf Club are the first club to meet the standard level in Wales.

The 'Junior GolfCert' is a nationally acknowledged accreditation scheme for golf clubs.

It provides a framework to help clubs to improve themselves and to ensure that their programmes, policies and procedures are all in line with best practice.

"I am very pleased to be able to award Pyle & Kenfig this first level award, especially on a day where more than 50 girls are enjoying everything this club has to offer," said Hannah.

"We are able to highlight these clubs as exemplars to others in Wales and to provide a focus for the sharing of good practice in terms of working with children and young people."

Pyle & Kenfig Golf Club were assessed in five key areas: Junior club structure, recruitment and coaching, playing and competition, coach/volunteer recruitment and education and child/adult welfare. The accreditation is made up of two award levels, standard and higher.

The club will now receive a plaque to be displayed in the clubhouse, they will receive promotion on the GDW website, will be recommended by GDW as a junior friendly club and should they go on to achieve the higher award, integrated within this award is the Disability Sport Wales (DSW) in sport ribbon (introductory level). The clubs that achieve the higher award will automatically achieve this extra accreditation.

Pyle & Kenfig Boys junior leader Ian Booth commented, "During a fantastic day at P&K at the girls' clinic, we were extremely proud to be presented with the Golf Development Wales, Junior Golf Certificate and to be the first club in Wales to receive this is fantastic.

"The structure that the certificate provides has been an immense help to us in the club. We began in late 2015 with 35 junior members, most of whom were inactive.

Pyle & Kenfig secretary/manager Simon Hopkin added, "Receiving this award is fantastic. Pyle & Kenfig is an extremely proactive and forward thinking club when it comes to junior golf and to forge a strong partnership with GDW can only develop the game of golf in Wales.

"We will be co-hosting the 121st Amateur Championship in 2016 and hosting the ladies British Amateur Championship in 2017, where all the top amateurs in the world both men and ladies will be competing on our famous championship links.

"Again this will be a great opportunity for all junior golfers in Wales to come and see some of the stars of the future, maybe future Major winners, up close and personal."

To get more information on the Junior GolfCert please contact GDW on 01633 436040 or visit http://beta.juniorgolfguide.org.uk.

Great achievement for local under-14s



THE Bridgend Town under-14s football team achieved something very special this season.

Not only did they win the Bridgend and District Football under-14s league, they went the full season undefeated. This is an incredible achievement and shows that all the hard work of the squad and coaches paid off in a very special way.

They played 26 games, won 25, drew one and lost none, scoring 245 goals and conceding only 17.

Pictured are the squad celebrating their success.

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Latest news from the Bridgend Bridge Club

THE results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club are:

Wednesday, June 1: First, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage; second, Dave Lea and Graham Norris; third Geoff Tinkler and John Henson. The winners on handicap were Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage.

Thursday, June 2: First, Stuart Davies and Rosalie Clode, Mike Williams and John Henson; second: Dennis Smith and Wendy Bailey, Gareth Jenkins and Martin Brawn.

Friday, June 3: First Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan; second,Andy Robertshaw and Bill Turner; third, Jenny Vaughan and Tony Disley. The winners on handicap were Andy Robertshaw and Bill Turner.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to begin at 7pm, so it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, also at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session. Master points are awarded, but it remains a relaxed occasion where players enjoy their bridge. **TG**

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